

Dynamic Women butterfly art contest

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities has announced its 2015 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum butterfly art contest. Each year new butterfly artwork appears on all promotion materials for the conference.

The 2015 selected artist will receive a \$200 cash award. Artists must be female, age 14-18 and able to provide proof of Chickasaw citizenship. Each artist may submit one piece of artwork in a medium of the artist's choice. Entries may be submitted on art paper, canvas or art board between 10 and 20 inches. Deadline for entry is January 16, 2015.

For more information, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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The office of the *Chickasaw Times* has recently moved.

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2015 Chickasaw Nation calendar

It's that time of year again! The 2015 Chickasaw Nation calendar will arrive in homes this month. Expected delivery dates will vary based on location.

Chickasaw Hall of Fame member dies



Colbert Franklin Hackler

NORMAN, Okla. - Colbert Franklin Hackler, who spent a lifetime sharing the beauty of music with thousands of students, died November 2 in Norman. He was 96.

Mr. Hackler was born January 13, 1918 in Mannsville, Oklahoma to Eva Lou (Colbert) Hackler and Charles Hackler.

In 2010, he was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

He received many honors during his lifetime, including induction into the Halls of Fame of the Oklahoma Bandmasters, Oklahoma Music Educators and Elk City Alumni Associations. He was a past president of the American School Band Directors Association, American String Teachers Association and Oklahoma Music Educators Association.

In 1976, he was one of three faculty members presented the AMOCO Foundation Good Teaching Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching. Mr. Hackler also received the Rotary Four Way Test Citizenship Award in 1998 and the Oklahoma City University Distinguished Alumni Award in 1989. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels for 10 years and greeted churchgoers at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church for 15 years.

See full obituary, page 19.

Chickasaw vets lay wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns



Chickasaw veterans Leonard Sealey, of Lawton, Oklahoma and Tom Cooper, of Ada, Oklahoma lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, Saturday, November 8. The veterans were on a trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation in appreciation of their service.

WASHINGTON - Leonard Sealey, a Chickasaw veteran from Lawton, Oklahoma, said memories of his service in Vietnam came flooding back when he saw a Huey helicopter at the Udvar-Hazy Center during a recent trip to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Sealey was one of 16 Chickasaw veterans who took a Veterans Day trip to the nation's capital sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the Chickasaw Nation sponsored the trip to show appreciation for the veterans' service to the country.

"We owe a great debt of gratitude to all the men and women who served in the armed forces to protect our freedom," Gov. Anoatubby said. "While Veterans Day offers a unique opportunity to express our appreciation, it is always fitting to thank these individuals for the sacrifices they made to help secure the way of life we enjoy."

Ada, Okla., veteran Tom Cooper and Mr. Sealey placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns during the trip.

Mr. Cooper said it was a blessing to be chosen to lay the wreath.

"This is something I will never forget," he said. "I lost friends

overseas, so this is something I did for the friends I lost and for all the families who lost loved ones."

James Swinney, a Vietnam veteran from Grapevine, Texas, said when he and many others came home from Vietnam, few people thanked them for their service.

"At (that) time, most people didn't show our military the respect they deserved," he said.

The number of people who approached the veterans today to say 'thank you,' Mr. Swinney said, illustrated how public attitude has changed for the better toward veterans.

Marvin Garrison, a Chickasaw veteran from Alpine, Arkansas, agreed, saying many people had expressed their appreciation for their service.

Mr. Sealey visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and made an etching of the name of a comrade he witnessed killed in action in March 1966. The pilot of his helicopter was struck by machine-gunfire and died instantly.

Many of the other Vietnam veterans on the trip made a point to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall. Veterans visit "the wall" to find names of

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Chickasaw veteran completes personal mission in Washington



Chickasaw veteran Leonard Sealey discovers the name of a fallen friend at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Mr. Sealey and 15 other Chickasaw veterans from several states toured famed veteran sites throughout the nation's capital for five days during a trip sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation to thank them for their service.

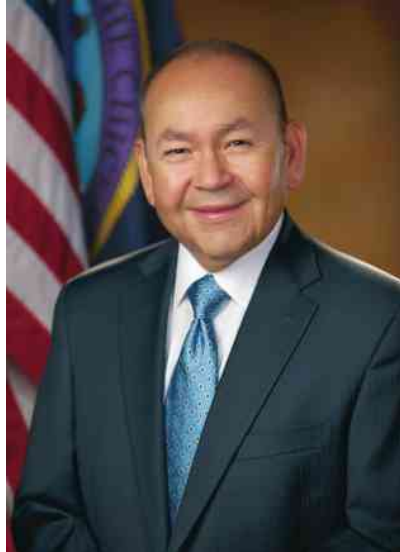
Leonard Sealey had one primary mission in mind during his recent trip to Washington, D.C. He was going to find one particular name etched into the black

marble of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

"It happened really fast," Mr.

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Season's Greetings



Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

Season's greetings and warmest holiday wishes from all of us at the Chickasaw Nation!

Christmas is a time to celebrate our families, our friends and our beloved tribe. We thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us, and we pray for the health and happiness of those we love.

Chickasaws share a special bond that has endured throughout the generations. Through the centuries, Chickasaws have faced many chal-

lenges. With God's grace and guidance, we have endured and prospered as a people. So many Chickasaws from generations past sacrificed that we might enjoy the lives we have today. We are eternally grateful for those who cleared the path for us.

This Christmas season, we extend special holiday wishes to all our military men and women serving at home and abroad. We pray for your safety, the success of your mission and your reunion with loved ones.

We ask for blessings for our Chickasaw veterans who have served our country with valor and honor; for our Chickasaw elders who hold a special place in our tribe; for our Chickasaw families whom we wish much peace and happiness.

We pray a special blessing for our Chickasaw children. May they experience a wonderful Christmas season and fulfill all the dreams they have for their lives.

This season's message of love and peace is particularly important to those who have experienced challenge and sorrow in their lives. We pray for those who seek understanding and compassion.

May we always answer the call when we meet the opportunity to help our fellow man.

The season of peace, joy and hope has arrived! God bless you, your family and our beloved Chickasaw Nation!

Bill Anoatubby



New exit ramps off Interstate 35 near the tribe's WinStar World Casino were dedicated October 28. The ramps, which were built through a partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma, will reduce traffic congestion and promote easy access to WinStar properties. WinStar is located about three miles north of the Red River in the southernmost reaches of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribe, Oklahoma dedicate I-35 ramps at Thackerville

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby and State of Oklahoma Department of Transportation officials have dedicated Interstate 35 Exit 3 ramps designed to smooth traffic flowing into and out of the area around WinStar World Casino.

The ribbon cutting officially opening the ramps was October 28.

Gov. Anoatubby was joined by Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation Gary Ridley, Oklahoma Department of Transportation Director Mike Patterson and other officials to open new entrance and exit ramps to Interstate 35.

Gov. Anoatubby said all area residents would benefit from safer, more convenient access to area homes and businesses.

"These additional ramps will alleviate traffic congestion and allow easier access to all WinStar properties," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Easier access to the area should lead to more jobs and additional economic activity in the region. Tribal businesses and economic development enable us to meet

our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people by providing employment opportunities and funding for our many programs and services."

The Chickasaw Nation partnered with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to construct the new access ramps.

"On behalf of the Chickasaw Nation, I would like to thank ODOT for all of its hard work and expertise making this project possible," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It is fantastic to see the finished product."

Transportation Secretary Ridley said collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation had led to numerous improvements to roads in Oklahoma.

"Certainly this would have never come about without the help of the Chickasaw Nation," Secretary Ridley said.

Officials said traffic studies show about 7,200 vehicles per day will use the new ramps.

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James Swinney with a T-33 trainer, similar to those he flew while stationed at Vance Air Force Base. Mr. Swinney visited the Udvar-Hazy Center as part of a veterans' trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

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men they had met during their service. There were more than a few tears from members of the group as they visited the memorial.

The group included veterans from Oklahoma, Texas, Rhode Island, Montana, Louisiana, Arkansas and California. They arrived on the special excursion Nov. 7 and departed Nov. 12.

The group has visited the World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and the U.S. Capitol, among other sites.

Members of the group of Chickasaw veterans included Mary Ah-

tone, Ada; Jim Boyd, Coventry, R.I.; Tom Cooper, Ada; Irvin Cravatt, La Habra, Calif.; Jim Dickerson, Norman, Okla.; Delbert Evans, Holden, Louisiana; Marvin Garrison, Alpine, Arkansas; Joe Hefner, Whitesboro, Texas; Billy Hester, Edmond, Okla.; Leonard Sealey, Lawton, Okla.; James Swinney, Grapevine, Texas; Thomas Smith, Butte, Montana; Tecumseh Underwood, Maud, Okla.; Michael Whithorne, Kingston, Okla.; Flying Clouds Moore, Tuskahoma, Okla.; and Holmes Willis, Altus, Okla.

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Irvin Cravatt, of La Habra, California visits the Lincoln Memorial during a Veterans Day trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

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Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation Gary Ridley (on his right) and Oklahoma Department of Transportation Director Mike Patterson (on his left) in ribbon cutting ceremonies for I35 Exit 3 near Thackerville, Okla., Tuesday. The trio were joined by tribal dignitaries and Love County officials to open the new ramp which will help eliminate congestion near WinStar World Casino.

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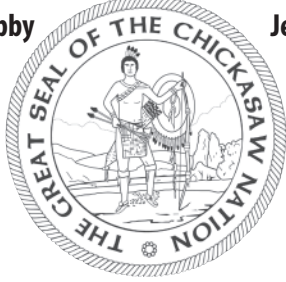
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Sealey said as he relayed vivid memories of the events in Vietnam almost 50 years ago that led to his quest.

“We were almost on the ground. We knew it was a hot LZ (landing zone),” he said.

“We never did land,” he said, explaining standard operating procedure of his helicopter crew in Vietnam. “We would get about three or four feet from the ground then those infantry guys would jump off.”

It was relatively rare for his helicopter to be hit by machine gun fire as they delivered troops to various destinations in that Southeast Asian country. They were very surprised when they realized they were being fired on this day as they were the third helicopter to drop troops at this particular destination.

The rounds began to tear into the ship as it reached the drop point near sunset on March 30, 1965.

“Two other bunches of the infantry guys had already jumped off when we came in and I saw this machine gun fire, tracers. About every fifth round you can see the orange tracers fly.”

As he prepared to return fire with his machine gun, he bent over for some reason he still can't recall. Just at that moment the Viet Cong machine gun sent a spray of bullets ripping through the side of their helicopter.

“When I sat back up - I didn't know I had bullet holes right beside me - the copilot told me to get up there and get Captain Blanton off the controls.”

Capt. Blanton, the pilot of the Huey, had been killed instantly by a bullet through his throat. His left leg stiffened on the foot pedal that controlled the tail rotor which destabilized the helicopter, causing the helicopter to spin out of control.

As Mr. Sealey grabbed the pilot and pulled him off the foot pedals, several of the infantrymen on ship jumped to the ground.

As Mr. Sealey desperately pulled Capt. Blanton off the pedal, the copilot pulled up on the stick to keep it from crashing into the ground. As the ship rose, he finally regained control of the just before it crashed into a stand of tall trees.

After they had cleared the trees, there was precious little the copilot could do to maintain control of the ship, which had taken a direct hit to its engine and transmission. Fuel and oil poured from tanks ruptured by the machine gun fire.

“We had to land it,” Mr. Sealey recalled with a sense of urgency in his voice. “I remember I

was still holding Captain Blanton when we came in. The rotor blades were just almost ready to quit. When we came down we hit the ground hard. We bounced like that, and that and that,” he said, slapping his hands together hard to demonstrate the impact. “That helicopter just started falling apart. The doors were coming off of it, we skidded and hit the ground and tipped up and over.”

He was still holding Capt. Blanton when several GIs came running to their rescue from a Chinook helicopter that had responded their distress calls. A stunned Mr. Sealey finally handed the pilot off to the rescuers before the Chinook took the rest of the crew to safety. Miraculously, none of the other crew members had been injured.

“I couldn't believe how that happened, that he got shot and I didn't,” he said. “We were only about two feet apart. I was sitting right there beside him, just like you and I are sitting here next to each other,” he said, motioning the distance with his hand.

He never saw Capt. Blanton, or the copilot who helped save his life again.

“That was the first death of a GI that I knew. There were a lot of others that happened, but it was the first one I saw,” he said, adding that he was still nervous and shaking when he got back to his unit.

“Over there, we weren't just officers and enlisted men,” he said. “We were a team. We stayed together day and night. I slept in that helicopter. We parked it at night I'd get my sleeping bag and I slept in it. That was MY house.”

While he had the option to take some time off to recover from the emotional shock, he chose to go back to the only life he had known for the previous eight months.

“We got another helicopter. I went right back to work. I didn't want to sit around,” he said. “I

was scared. I won't say I wasn't, but I'd rather - I'd done that four or five months, so I was used to it.”

They worked seven days a week transporting troops to the landing zones. He rarely had the chance to see the men again after they delivered them to their destinations.

A few months later his tour was over and he returned to the U.S. Since coming back, he has never seen another man from his unit in Vietnam.

Maybe that is why it was so important to find that one familiar name on the wall.

While he was unsure just what would happen when he found the name, he didn't break down into tears as so many others have. Maybe it was because he was able to see a Huey Helicopter similar to the one he called home when he visited the Udvar-Hazy Center a few days earlier.

“It really hit me pretty hard,” he said. “I stood there and looked at that thing. It brought back a lot of memories.”

When he found the name of Capt. Blanton on the wall, he was able to able to take one of those memories home in the tangible form of an impression of the name made with pencil and paper.

His mission was complete.

Mr. Sealey is one of 16 Chickasaw veterans who recently took a trip to Washington sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

Many of the other Vietnam veterans on the trip made a point to visit “the wall” to find names of men with whom they had served. There were more than a few tears from members of the group as they visited the memorial.

The group, which includes veterans from Oklahoma, Texas, Rhode Island, Montana, Louisiana, Arkansas and California, visited Washington November 7 through November 12.

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Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to service personnel stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Lauren Osborne at (580) 310-6451 or lauren.osborne@chickasaw.net**.

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

This month on CNTV

The Chickasaw Nation hosted an Elders Appreciation Day last month. Senior citizens toured the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo, participated in arts and crafts and explored exhibits celebrating Chickasaw history and culture.

• **Chickasaw singer-songwriter Tabitha Fair and a group of Chickasaw youth performed the Nntional anthem at a Kansas City Chiefs game.** Find out more about their trip in this month's CNTV.

• **The holidays are here!** Find out what is happening in Chickasaw Country all this month on CNTV!

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Recognition for community service

Governor Anoatubby receives John F. Kennedy Award



Gov. Anoatubby and Vince Gill each received the John F. Kennedy Community Service Award during the October 28 Knight of Columbus awards banquet. From left are event chair and former Oklahoma Governor David Walters, Mr. Gill's wife Amy Grant, Gov. Anoatubby and Mr. Gill.

Photo provided by Fran Kozalowski

OKLAHOMA CITY - Governor Bill Anoatubby and country music star Vince Gill received the John F. Kennedy Community Service Award from the Oklahoma City Knights of Columbus Oct. 28.

The awards were presented during a banquet that raised funds for the Santa Fe Family Life Center. The Family Life Center is a comprehensive health club that provides a multitude of activities for the community, including a basketball court, weightlifting, tennis and more. Fundraising efforts enable the facility to provide scholarships to many deserving families.

During his introduction of Gov. Anoatubby, master of ceremonies Mike Turpen said the Chickasaw Nation had become a "force for good" in Oklahoma.

"It is an honor to receive this award from an organization which does so much to enhance the lives of families in the community," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The Santa Fe Family Life center is a great example of those efforts."

Named for President John F. Kennedy, the Community Service Award is presented in recognition of Oklahomans who have served the community in meaningful and lasting ways.

Mr. Gill said he was glad to accept the award because he truly admired President Kennedy.

President Kennedy is well known for challenging Americans to "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." That charge is similar in many ways to the Chickasaw Nation mission to enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people.

Gov. Anoatubby noted President Kennedy was also known for saying "a rising tide lifts all boats."

"That is something we keep in mind as we strive to achieve our mission," Gov. Anoatubby said. "As we work to enhance the quality of life of the Chickasaw people, it has the welcome effect of enhancing the lives of others in the community."

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Youth Choir opens KC Chiefs game



Chickasaw professional singer Tabitha Fair, center, with the Chickasaw Youth Choir at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City November 2. Ms. Fair and the choir sang the national anthem prior to the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs game that day. Choir members are, from left, Ashton Rawlins, Cora Moldenhauer, Faithlyn Seawright, Bailey McCurdy, Ms. Fair, Gabrielle Padilla, Micah Postoak, Taylor Taliaferro and Izy Wilkerson.

Chickasaw Youth Choir, Tabitha Fair, sing national anthem at Chiefs game

KANSAS CITY – For Chickasaw singer Tabitha Fair, rehearsals with the Chickasaw Youth Choir could have gone smoother. But the final result was “absolutely amazing!”

Ms. Fair, a New York songstress and big-time backup singer, performed “The Star-Spangled Banner” with the Youth Choir before thousands of football fans at Arrowhead Stadium. The Kansas City Chiefs designated the Nov. 2 contest to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month. Many tribes contributed to the special event, but Ms. Fair and the choir occupied midfield to perform the national anthem.

“The first time we rehearsed in the stadium was Saturday and there was horrible slapback,” Ms. Fair said.

Singers performing in huge stadiums or voluminous concert halls often experience slapback. A note is sung, but the singer doesn’t hear it. The sound is delayed to the ear and it can be disconcerting.

“So, we got through the song and I knew it was going to be a lot of work if the slapback wasn’t corrected,” Ms. Fair said. “I told one of the sound engineers it needed to be fixed.”

But the message he delivered was not what Ms. Fair wished to hear.

“Basically, they believed the problem was not correctable since sound is ricocheting throughout this huge football stadium,” Ms. Fair said.

However, when Sunday performance time neared, the sound

engineers had corrected the problem and “it was simply amazing. We had such a great time and the choir did a fantastic job. It sounded great,” Ms. Fair said. “It was such an honor to sing the national anthem and be joined by members of my tribe.”

Chickasaw Youth Choir members joining Ms. Fair in performing the song included Bailey McCurdy, Cora Moldenhauer, Gabrielle Padilla, Micah Postoak, Ashton Rawlins, Faithlyn Seawright, Taylor Taliaferro and Izy Wilkerson. The choir’s director, Phillip Berryhill, said the girls practiced the song during the six-hour trip from Ada, Okla., to Kansas City.

Mr. Fair and Mr. Berryhill had worked up the arrangement on the phone just a few days prior to the performance. Ms. Fair and the choir rehearsed together on the field and in hotel rooms preparing for the big moment.

Mr. Berryhill said the experience for his choir was “the best. It showed the girls that no matter

how talented you are, no matter how prepared you are, it requires hard work” to perform in a setting surrounded by 100,000 people when the sound isn’t exactly perfect.

“They had to work through echoes with only a single monitor bringing the sound back to them. It was a remarkable learning experience,” Mr. Berryhill said.

The crowning moment for Mr. Berryhill came when Ms. Fair left briefly during a rehearsal and he asked the choir to go through the song one more time. Bailey McCurdy sang Ms. Fair’s part and the choir performed backup vocals.

“It was fantastic. It sounded so good,” Mr. Berryhill said with excitement. “Now, if someone calls and asks ‘does your choir perform the national anthem’ I can say ‘we sure do. We have a very talented group of young ladies who would be happy to perform’.

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Anoli’ Creative Writing Contest

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities announces its 2015 Anoli’ Creative Writing Contest. The creative writing topic is “Defining Individuality.” Students will be divided into three age divisions: grades six through eight, grades nine through 12 and young adults through age 24.

The 2015 winners will receive cash prizes and medals. Writers

must be able to provide proof of Chickasaw citizenship. Students may submit three written works in one or more categories: poetry, short story and essay. Entry deadline is Feb. 20, 2015.

To download the entry form or for more information, visit Chickasaw.net or call Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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A&H seeks instructors to teach acting for the camera

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is accepting applications for instructors to teach both basic and intermediate acting for the camera for children, teens and adults. Classes begin in January 2015 under the direction of the performing arts department and will be take place in Ada.

Classes are two hours each for six consecutive weeks. Classes will be offered several times from January through June. Additional classes will be added later and may be offered in other areas within the Chickasaw Nation.

Curriculum has been established, so instructors will not have to determine or submit what they would teach. Interested individuals will need to provide a brief description of training and experience along with a resume and/or vita. Those who meet the criteria will be called back for an interview.

Anyone interested in teaching should contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or Debra Collins Bailey, director of performing arts at debra.bailey@chickasaw.net.

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Cultural Center Multi Tribal Day



Jacquelyn Sparks

Merry Monroe, a Chickasaw citizen who teaches the native language to Byng (OK) Public School students, participates in Multi Tribal Day at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Nov. 1. Mrs. Monroe sings traditional hymns in the languages of the Five Civilized Tribes and has been a member of the Native Praise group for many years. Approximately a dozen tribes from across Oklahoma joined Chickasaws in celebrating native cultural and traditions.

Call for Presenters for 2015 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is now accepting presentation proposals for the 2015 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum. The annual event will be April 16-17, 2015 in Sulphur, Okla.

The annual conference is a platform to showcase and recognize the wonderful and truly remarkable women of the Chickasaw Nation. The conference has dynamic presentations, breakout sessions and audience-driven forums.

There are many incredible Chickasaw women with a variety of experiences, information and expertise. For the 2015 conference, you are invited to submit a presentation proposal. Proposals can be for a single presentation during a general session or a breakout session.

The proposal submission deadline is January 16, 2015. Chickasaw women 30 years and older may apply and a presenter must have a minimum of five years experience in her professional field or area of expertise.

A proposal submission must include conference presenter’s information sheet, short bio of presenter, reference letter from a professional in area of expertise or related field, digital or hard copy of any handouts necessary for the presentation, short overview of presentation and completed w-9 form.

For more information or to download the presenter’s information sheet, visit Chickasaw.net or call (580) 272-5520.

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There are lots of great, fun activities to enjoy in the Chickasaw Nation during this Christmas season!

Chukma, Chinchukma, Hello, how are you? The Christmas Season is a special time in the Chickasaw Nation. Throughout the entire month of December, there will be many opportunities for you and your family to get out and enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays.

This is a great time to visit the Chickasaw Cultural Center. There will be a Christmas Celebration on December 13, with lots of special activities, that usually includes a visit from Santa.

A really fun activity that occurs every year is the Progressive Dinner in Tishomingo, which begins at the Council House Museum, then progresses to the Capitol building, and ends up at the Chickasaw White House. At each location, visitors are treated to a portion of their meal and entertainment. This year the Progressive Dinner will be on December 13.

Another great attraction, specifically for our elders, is the Annual Christmas Luncheon. This year it will be at the Ada Agri-plex on December 19 from 11:00-1:00.

If you're still not in the Christmas spirit after all these activities, then check out the McSwain Christmas Show, which will be on December 20. The McSwain is always beautifully decorated for the holidays and the talent is always first rate.

I hope you have a great holiday season and are able to get together with your family and friends. Spending time with others and sharing the memories of Christmases gone by truly makes this time special.

Hope to see many of you at one or more of these activities. I wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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Great hospitality extended to us by Northern California Council; volunteer this season to make Christmas bright

Chukma! I pray each and every one of you had a good Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. As Chickasaws, we have so much to be thankful for. We are truly a blessed Tribe.

In October, I witnessed some of these great blessings in California. I attended the Northern California Community Council meeting in Sacramento. Well over 200 Chickasaws from the area were in attendance. The love they have for our tribe and their thirst to know what is going on in Chickasaw country was so exciting! They truly love being Chickasaw and hearing from us in Oklahoma. Their hospitality was overwhelming. I would like to thank them for such a warm welcome.

As we enter the winter season, please be mindful of those less fortunate. Donate a winter coat, serve at your local soup kitchen, or volunteer your time to a non-profit organization. This time of the year can be the happiest for most, and the saddest for others. Let us remember that Christmas is about celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are called to be His hands and feet.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might as or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen. ~Ephesians 3:20-21

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Legislator Shana Tate Hammond visiting with Northern California Community Council member Juanita Gabaldon.

Chickasaw citizens keep family, faith and community at top of the list even as the years go by

This month I am spot lighting some of our interesting Chickasaw Citizens. Lorraine Murphy and her younger sister, Paula Currey are the daughters of Elonzo Shico and Annie Thomas. Elonzo's Great Grandfather was Colonel Martin Sheco, who led the Shecoe's Battalion during the Civil War. Elonzo was raised by his uncle,

Governor Palmer Mosley and grew up in Bromide, Oklahoma. The sisters mentioned that their father's original allotment land was located in Wewoka, Oklahoma. At Festival this year, Lorraine (who will turn 96 on Jan. 27) wanted to wear a Traditional Dress for the Annual Meeting in Tishomingo. Paula (who will be 90 on February 1st) went to her sewing machine and made her first traditional dress so sister would have an outfit to wear! Not only was this her first traditional dress to make but she also whipped up a ribbon shirt for her son Kevin "Cubby." As of today, she has sewn 3 traditional dresses and 2 ribbon shirts! Paula lives in Lewisville, Texas. She enjoys spending time with her children, Lani and Kevin, sewing, making crafts and genealogy. Her older sister, Lorraine resides in McKinney, Texas. She enjoys spending time with her children, Paula Ann, Mark Allen and Travis. Some of her hobbies include crocheting and quilting. Advancing age and distance are not stumbling blocks for these sisters. Quite often they drive up to Ada to participate in elder activities.

Every year the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging hosts an Elder's Olympic Day. All the Senior Centers are invited to attend and participate. One of the employees on hand this year to assist in the activities was our very own Panola District employee, Mr. Joe Beshirs. Joe has been at the Panola Center for two years. His family roots are located in the Panola District. His father, James Alexander Beshirs Jr. was born in Yuba, Oklahoma and raised on the family allotment land and his grandfather is buried at the Yarnaby cemetery. Joe and his wife, Ruth have 4 children and 19 grandchildren. In 2008, they felt called to establish a church in Colbert, Oklahoma. The Lighthouse of Colbert was started with 4 members and now has a weekly attendance of 64. There are three flags proudly posted in front of the church's new sanctuary: the American Flag, the Oklahoma State Flag and the Chickasaw Nation Flag. The Beshirs and The Lighthouse of Colbert congregation are proud of their tribal heritage and are excited to be a part of the Panola District.

Take time this holiday season to enjoy fellowship time with family, friends and maybe a few strangers. Sharing the joys of the season can be contagious; even helpful and encouraging to others.

"Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it".

Beth Alexander
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Lorraine Sheco Murphy and her sister Paula Sheco Currey at this year's Annual Meeting.



Joe Beshirs working at elder Olympic day.



Favorite memories of Christmases past warms the spirit to enjoy our Christmases to come

Season's Greetings Everyone, As I look forward to the upcoming holidays, I think of holidays past and recall two favorite memories.

In the weeks after Thanksgiving, leading up to Christmas, a nightly ritual would develop. After supper, as Grandma quilted and as Grandpa and I were nearing the end of our nightly picking of pecans from their shells, he would say to me, "Smoke, do you think it's about time for an apple?"

A week or so prior, Grandpa would have gone to the grocery store and ordered a box of Red Delicious apples. As soon as he asked I would say yes and hurry to his cold bedroom where the box of apples had been carefully stored under the bed. I would crawl under and slide the box out, take off the lid and gently pick up an apple that was wrapped in a deep blue, almost purple, tissue paper. Then I would put the lid back on the box, slide it back under the bed, then hurry back to Grandpa from the cold bedroom.

I would present the tissue-enrobed apple, like it was a precious stone, to Grandpa, who would already have his pocket knife out. He would take it and start peeling it, slowly, from the top, careful not to break the peel. I would watch anxiously, scarcely able to concentrate on whatever he was telling me, for hoping that the peel didn't break. It never did, and I always got to eat the unbroken, thin, circular, slinky-like peel.

The other favorite Christmas memory from my childhood is triggered every time I see or think of a candy cane of any size. The first thing under the Christmas tree at my Grandpa and Grandma's house was always a big, red, white and green-striped peppermint candy log. It was huge!

Every year, at the first of December, Grandpa would go to Hudson's Big County Store in Coalgate and in addition to chicken feed and work gloves or things like that, he would come back home with a big peppermint log. He would break off pieces with a hammer and give to us kids.

If we sneezed or coughed, he would say, "Have a piece of this peppermint. It will help you."

So, I sneezed and coughed a lot!

I thought these memories were favorites because the apples and peppermint were special treats. Really, these memories are favorites because they are memories of my Grandpa and Grandma and my family.

Here's hoping you make favorite memories with your family this holiday season.

Merry Christmas!
Katie



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Blessings abound for Chickasaws; success and diversification of our businesses support our programs

Chokma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!
As we come to the close of another year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The year 2014 brought many exciting developments and progress for the Chickasaw Nation and our citizens.



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

From the opening of new facilities which help provide programs and services to our citizens; to the development and progress of many of our business ventures, this year has been full of progressive developments in the Chickasaw Nation.

The Ardmore Community Center was one new facility which was remodeled and reintroduced this year. It is now available to our citizens and families to gather for events and celebrations. Facilities such as these help us meet our mission to enhance the lives of Chickasaw people.

We have experienced overwhelming success at the new Artesian Hotel and Spa, the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, the Chickasaw Cultural Center and other tourist-based facilities and attractions. Visitors have responded well to these new destinations, and turned out in impressive numbers to attend events such as the ARTesian Arts Festival. By providing venues such as these, we continue to strengthen our business ventures and diversify our businesses. Success at the ventures also helps ensure our citizens can depend on the Chickasaw Nation to continue to deliver vital services; from health care to housing, education assistance, programs designed for youth and elders, and many more.

Again, I hope you and your family have a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Tim Colbert
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Chickasaw veterans, and all veterans, celebrated in November; Chickasaw Nation center for veterans announced

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. October was so busy with the Fall Pumpkin Patch at Oklahoma City and Newcastle. The fall foliage is just perfect as of today but hard freezes and a cold snap is predicted for us in Oklahoma.

By the time you receive this, Thanksgiving will have come and gone with all the senior sites having gathered for their annual bizarre and lunch in Ada on the 21st. These gatherings just keep getting larger and getting better each year.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We attended the Governor's community dinner where employees served all the visitors. Governor announced that a veterans center will be built in Ada to memorialize all Chickasaw veterans. Veterans Day was well attended in Ada and we also visited Purcell on the day they celebrated their veterans. Kulihome and Connerville had their celebrations on different days so more from each area would have an opportunity to attend both events.

The panel discussion Lowak Sho'li was held at Arts and Humanities building and all community

councils met except for Purcell who are planning their next meeting with an auction and Christmas celebration then. The official kick off of the Christmas season was marked by a live radio play of the Christmas Story with four shows at the McSwain Theater the week before Thanksgiving.

My dear husband J.L. had his 88th birthday in November. Many of his family attended. His birthday is also our wedding anniversary. We were married when I was 17, the youngest of seven children and he was 18, the oldest of eight. It was our 62nd anniversary.

My prayer for all Chickasaws is that the new year is prosperous and healthy and filled with many blessings. May all your troubles be few. Chipisala'cho!

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.



Governor Bill Anoatubby speaks during the recent community dinner at the Chickasaw Community Center in Tishomingo. During the event, Gov. Anoatubby shared exciting plans for a new senior site, community center and Head Start as well as a visitor information center.

Mary Gray

Citizens gather for dinners; new projects announced for Tishomingo, Ardmore, Ada

Hundreds of people gathered recently for Chickasaw Nation community dinners in Tishomingo, Ardmore and Ada to discuss recent progress and plans for the future.

Several items planned for development in Tishomingo were discussed during the dinner there.

New tourism developments are slated for Tishomingo, which is the site of the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival and home to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol and Council House Museum. These historic sites, as well as the Chickasaw White House and Chickasaw Nation Bank, make Tishomingo a natural for cultural tourism development

As a first step, a visitor center is planned for the corner of Tishomingo's Capitol and Main Streets. This 10,600 square-foot center will be a place for people to learn about the history of Johnston County and the Chickasaw Nation.

The center will also have office space for the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society and Office of Special Events. A feasibility and preliminary planning are under way for the possible development of a hotel in Tishomingo.

Planning is under way for several new facilities in Tishomingo. These will include a new senior center, community center and Head Start building which will be constructed on recently acquired property near the health clinic.

With plans to place the new facilities in a campus-style setting, the goal is to make the programs and services as convenient as possible.

Ardmore, where such a campus has already been developed, was the site of another recent gathering. The meeting was hosted in the newly renovated community center.

In Ardmore, a wellness center, Head Start, nutrition center, independent living apartments for seniors, senior center, community center and health clinic are all located in close proximity.

This concept has proven effective in making access to services more convenient. As a next step in developing that campus, a new early childhood center is under construction. This 26,000 square-foot building will house 17

classrooms and accommodate more than 230 children.

Built on a concept similar to the early childhood center in Ada, the facility will offer an environment conducive to creativity and learning.

Ada, home to the legislative, judicial and executive departments of Chickasaw Nation government, was also the site of a recent community dinner.

Those in attendance at the Ada gathering received an update on many recent projects completed in the area. Among those are the opening of a renovated gymnasium on the headquarters campus and a new softball complex.

Other updates included information about the Chickasaw license plates, which are expected to be available early in 2015.

Development of a veterans' center in Ada was also announced during the gathering.



Governor Anoatubby visits with citizens at the Ardmore Community Dinner.

Jacquelyn Sparks

Multi Tribal Day



Kevin Gallant, a resident of Burlington, Mass., dances with Choctaw Nation stomp dancers during Multi Tribal Day celebrated Nov. 1 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. Mr. Gallant was visiting relatives in the area and came away quite impressed with the Cultural Center, its attractions and the reception he received when he was invited to participate. "This is a beautiful place. I'm thrilled to have been invited to join the dance and enjoyed myself very much," he said.



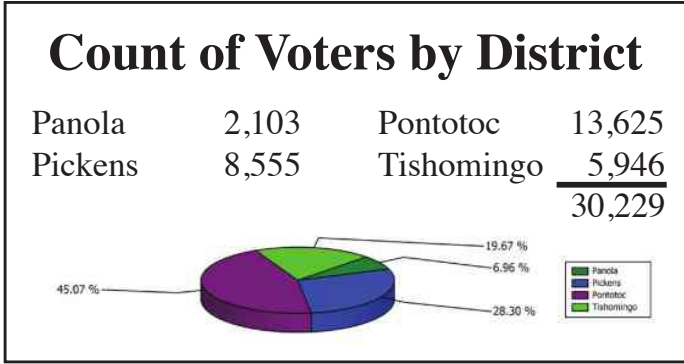
Red Carpet Gala

Chickasaw citizen J.L. Kinstner enjoys a facial treatment during Sole'renity Spa's Red Carpet Gala, Nov. 6 at the Artesian Hotel location in Sulphur, Okla. The event drew dozens of guests who sampled spa services and cuisine.

Programs & Services Directory available

The 2015 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.



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Daniel Hays’ 16 acres made room for university

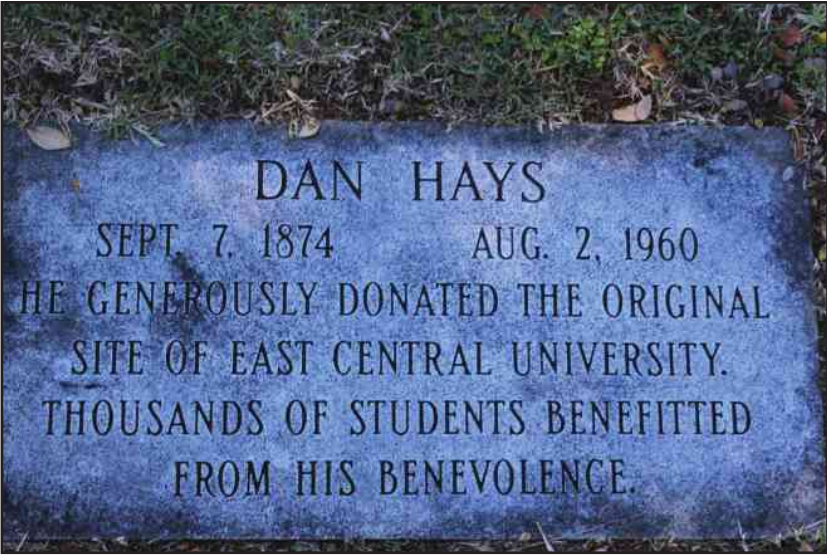
Chickasaw man’s land donation secured education future of Ada



Daniel Hays, born September 7, 1874, was the son of full-blood Chickasaw parents. His Indian Territory allotment was in what is now southeast Ada, Okla. He donated 16.5 acres of that allotment as a site for an Oklahoma Normal School, which evolved into East Central University.

Soon after the Indian and Oklahoma territories became the State of Oklahoma, officials announced plans to create three normal schools in eastern Oklahoma to match the three already operating in Oklahoma Territory. Ada

citizens, including Chickasaws, campaigned vigorously for one of those schools. Where would they put it? Daniel Hays answered their question. The Chickasaw man donated 16 acres of his allotment land, now part of southeast Ada, for the school. It is said his only request was that he be allowed to live in the native stone home he had built that set inside the 16 acres. That home, an Ada landmark, still stands at 17th and Francis streets in the section of southeast Ada known as the Hays District. The normal school, established in 1909, became East Central University. In October 2005 ECU initiated the Hays Native American Studies Center, named to honor the man who provided the site for the university. Later, Mr. Hays donated another parcel of land to the City of Ada for the construction of an elementary school. The city named the institution Hayes Elementary School (the misspelling of Mr. Hays’ last name on the school is a mystery).



Daniel Hays’ grave is in Memorial Park Cemetery on S.H. 19 just west of S.H. 3 outside Ada.

Mr. Hays’ parents were Tom St. John and Sarah Hays. He was born in the Chickasaw Nation on September 7, 1874. Tom St. John Hays ran a freight and stagecoach line between Fort Sill and Caddo. Daniel was schooled in church-conducted academies in the Chickasaw Nation. He farmed and raised livestock on his allotment and participated in Chickasaw Nation life. He also added to his

land holdings. Daniel’s uncle Amos was a successful farmer and livestock producer in the Ada area and also served as a Pontotoc County judge and permit collector, a Chickasaw Lighthorseman, and a member of the last Chickasaw legislature. Daniel married Etta Ford in December 1904. She was active in the management of their land



Daniel Hays built his house on 17th Street in 1907, where he lived until his death in 1960. The historic home is considered a landmark and is an Ada Centennial Home.

holdings until she died in 1935. They had no children. Daniel Hays died August 2, 1960. His grave is in the Memorial Park Cemetery on State Highway 19 just west of Ada. CONTRIBUTED BY Thomas Bailey, Public Affairs.

Koi Ishto Stadium home to ECU Tigers, Ada Cougars

East Central stadium naming honors Chickasaw Nation



Governor Bill Anoatubby, left, and East Central University President Dr. John Hargrave are shown before Koi Ishto Stadium following a special ceremony on the university campus Nov. 15. Koi Ishto - “big cat” in the Chickasaw language - now graces the stadium that hold Norris Field. Both the East Central University Tigers and the Ada High School Cougars play their home football games at Koi Ishto.

ADA, Okla. - The “big cat” now stands guard at East Central University. Governor Bill Anoatubby pledged continuing partnerships with East Central (ECU) and Ada Public Schools Saturday as dignitaries and students celebrated the naming of Kio Ishto Stadium in honor of the Chickasaw Nation. Kio Ishto is “big cat” in the Chickasaw language. Since the two teams most frequently using the facility have big cat mascots - the ECU Tigers and the Ada High School Cougars - the new name struck a resonate chord. “We’ve enjoyed a long, long working relationship, one that dates back to when (ECU) was formed,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Amos Hays, an original Chickasaw enrollee, owned the property on which the university was built. Amos Hays’ nephew, Daniel, donated the land. So the relationship we share today goes back more than a century.” In addition to the land donation, other recognition on the ECU campus illustrates the close alliance between the university and the tribe. Inside the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center is Ataloa Theatre named for entertainer-turned-teacher Mary Stone

McClendon, a cousin of famed Chickasaw actress and storyteller Te Ata. Ataloa entertained audiences until becoming a teacher at Bacone College, near Muskogee, Okla. She was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2006. And, Gov. Anoatubby noted, the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center on the ECU campus was dedicated little more than a year ago. “Last year when a leadership group met at ECU, it was suggested by ECU President John Hargrave the stadium be named after the Chickasaw Nation,” Gov. Anoatubby said. The term Koi Ishto was advanced at that meeting. “Don’t you think that’s perfect - ‘big cat’ for Tigers and Cougars?” Gov. Anoatubby asked. “It is an appropriate acknowledgment of the wonderful partnership we have with this university. We are very, very proud to have that relationship.” CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.



Governor Bill Anoatubby flips the pregame coin as East Central University Tigers and the Southeastern Oklahoma State Savage Storm captains watch. Gov. Anoatubby kicked off Nov. 15 by thanking East Central for naming the stadium at Norris Field Koi Ishto Stadium in honor of the Chickasaw Nation. It was also Chickasaw Nation Appreciation Day the university. Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees had free admittance to the game. The ECU and SEOSU contest is the second oldest football rivalry in Oklahoma.

Marcy Gray

Chickasaw Nation employees make record contributions to Oklahoma Regional Food Bank

Did you know that one in four Oklahoma children and 12 percent of all Oklahoma seniors are hungry? This is a reality for more than half a million Oklahomans. This year, the Chickasaw Nation partnered with Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin to participate in a statewide food drive from Sept. 22 to Oct. 31. Participants received a different “challenge” each week. The

challenge was emailed to Chickasaw Nation employees at the beginning of each week. Challenges ranged from texting to donate, donating directly online, a one million meal challenge and a canned food challenge. Chickasaw Nation employees accounted for 18 percent of all total donations collected throughout the state. The efforts by the employees provided approximate-

ly 637,379 meals to hungry Oklahoma families. Items donated included canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna and salmon, canned meat-based soups, canned beans and peanut butter. For more information on how to donate, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank at (405) 972-1111 or visit www.regionalfoodbank.org.





Jayne Bell

Chickasaw rider tops at English competitions

A young Chickasaw rider is competing well at equestrian events. Jaynee Bell, a junior at Westlake High School, Austin, Texas, won the championship in Children's Low Jumpers at the Fall Classic Hunter Jumper Horse Show in Katy, Texas. The event was Sept. 25 through 28. Jaynee also won the one-meter division at the Go Show in Oklahoma City following two weeks of competition in July. She added two championships in the Children's Low Division at the Go Show. She placed second in the Jumper Classic. Jaynee rides at Coraggio Hunter

Jumper under the instruction of trainer Paige Erwin. "Jaynee is a talented rider and has found her calling in the jumpers," Ms. Erwin said. "I have no doubt Jaynee will progress up the levels with continued success." Jaynee is the daughter of Brett and Denise Bell, of Austin. Her grandparents are Paul and Karla Bell, of Yukon, Okla., and Bill Goettl and Vonnie Hedges, of Arizona. Her great-grandparents are the late Harvey and Jane Bell, and her great-great-grandfather is the late Elihu B. Maytubby.



Felicia Lucas to serve as elders' ombudsman

A Chickasaw nurse has recently completed work that will lead her to advocate for elders. Felicia Lucas is a licensed practical nurse. She has completed the required study course to become an ombudsman regarding elder issues in the Midwest City, Okla., area. Her work will emanate from the Oklahoma City Areawide Center on Aging. Ms. Lucas has extensive experience in long-term and hospice care. As an ombudsman, Ms. Lucas will represent the interests of Midwest City-area elders. She will advocate for elders, handle complaints and address rights violations and other issues. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Lizzie Columbus.



Peyton "Beans" Factor

Peyton Factor takes top spot at Golf Fall Tour

A Chickasaw youngster had recently won a unique tournament. Seven-year-old Peyton "Beans" Factor won the Oklahoma City US Kids Golf Fall Tour Championship in October. With the win, she is eligible to compete in the 2015 US Kids World Championship, a large event for golfers age 12 and under. The tournament is scheduled for July in Pinehurst, N.C., and over 1,200 golfers from 40 countries are expected to compete. The Fall Tour Peyton recently won is made up of eight tournaments throughout the Oklahoma City area. She won the 7U girls' division and also scored the high-

est point total for all girls ages nine and under. In May, she took runner-up in the Oklahoma US Kids Golf state tournament in Broken Arrow. She was the youngest girl competing in the event. Peyton started playing golf when she was three and started competing at age six. She is a second grader at Hayes Elementary in Ada, Okla. Peyton is the daughter of Jimpsey and Sara Factor.

BIRTHS



Olivia Lei MacDonald

Antonio and Keanna MacDonald proudly announce the birth of their princess Olivia Lei MacDonald. She was born 8:22 p.m., November 10. She weighed 9 lbs., 8 oz. and 20 inches at birth. Help them share in this wonderful occasion.



Destiny Vaden

Chickasaw hitter nets awards for volleyball

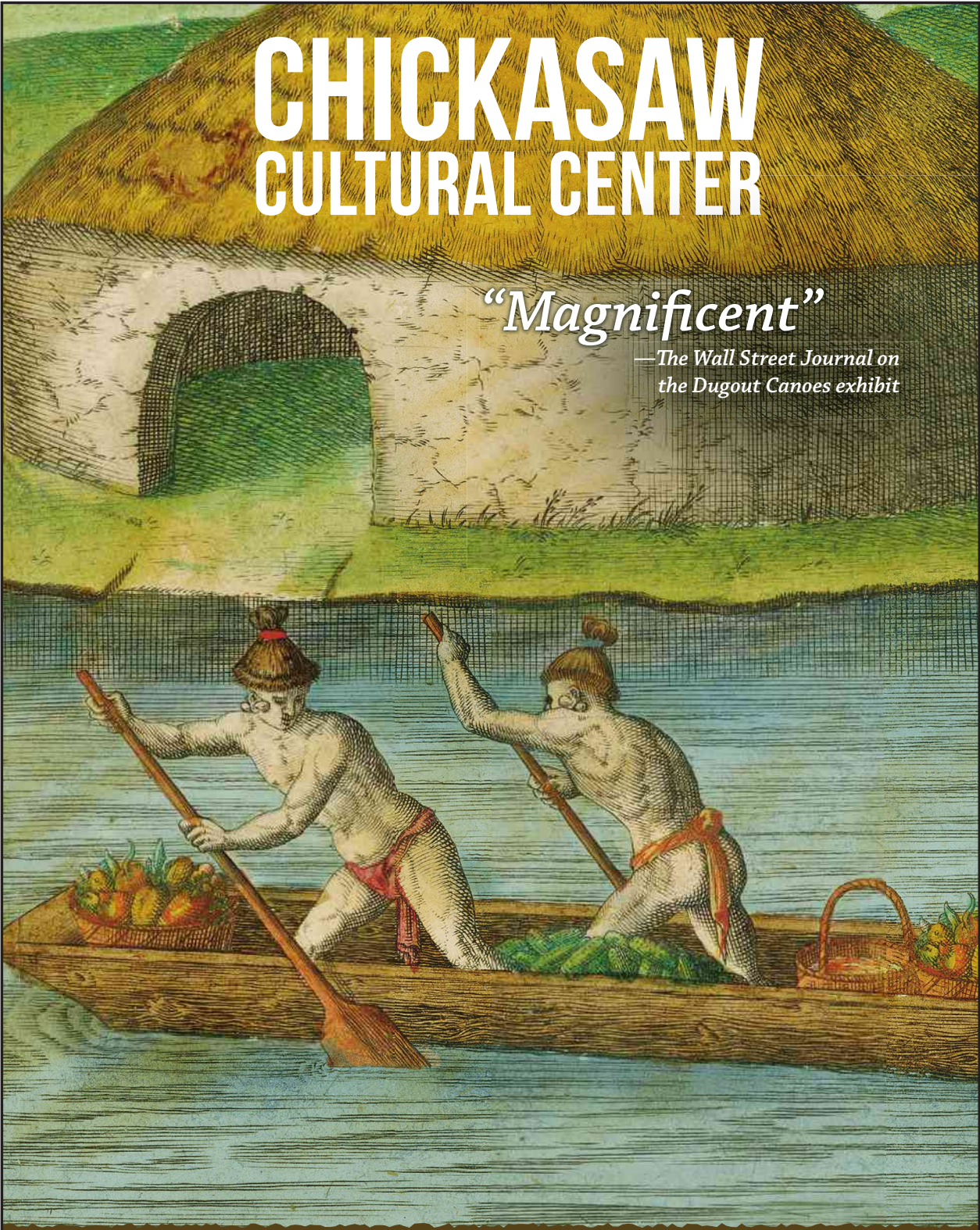
A Chickasaw high school athlete has recently been recognized for her volleyball skills. Destiny Vaden, who attends Lee's Summit (MO) North High School, received the awards for most blocks and best kill percentage during the annual volleyball banquet Nov. 4. Destiny is a starting middle hitter for the North High School Broncos varsity girls' volleyball team. She also competes with a nationally-ranked competitive team. She is the daughter of Crystal Vaden-Neustadter and stepdaughter of Daniel Neustadter. Her grandparents are Bill and Kathy Vaden, of Kansas City. Her brother and sister, Joshua and Hailey, are also proud of her accomplishments.



Triana Browne-Hearrell

Browne-Hearrell first runner-up in OSU pageant

Triana Browne-Hearrell, a Chickasaw, was recently awarded first runner-up in the 2015 Miss Oklahoma State University Scholarship Pageant. Ms. Browne-Hearrell received a \$600 scholarship for her achievement. The pageant was October 9 at the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts on the OSU campus. Ms. Browne-Hearrell is majoring in Human Development and Family Sciences at OSU. She is also a member of the OSU women's track and field team. She is the daughter of Joe Hearrell, of Richmond, Texas, and Dr. Monica Browne, of Tulsa. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hearrell, of Bennington, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Browne, of Tulsa. She is the great-granddaughter of Sadie Hearrell, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Betty Crain and the late Charles Crain, of Chillicothe, Missouri.



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BIRTHS



Davis Christopher Cain was born October 14, 2014 at Norman, Oklahoma. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth. He is the son of Derek and Kati Cain, of Ada, Oklahoma. He is the grandson of Allen and Deborah Jackson, of Lone Grove, Oklahoma and Dennis and Linda Cain, of Wynnewood, Oklahoma. He is the great-grandson of Chickasaw Elder, Lavern Turner, of Zaneis, Oklahoma, and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee, Ella MaryAnn (Coyle) Alexander.



Kalea Analisa Cantu was born May 11, 2014 at 5:33 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth. Proud parents are Leilani V. Kaufusi and Simon Cantu, of Baytown, Texas. Grandparents are Lisa and Richard Torres, of Baytown. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Mary Martin, of Baytown. Great-great-grandmother, is Chickasaw, Darias Corinne Cravatt, of Odessa, Texas.



Chickasaw veteran Jeraldine “Jerry” Brown, Edmond, Okla., center, receives the American Indian Alumni Society Distinguished Alumni Award from Oklahoma State University Alumni Association and the OSU American Indian Alumni Society during a ceremony Nov. 15. Ms. Brown attended Oklahoma A&M College, graduating with an education degree in 1945.

Chickasaw elder, veteran honored by OSU

A Chickasaw veteran was recently honored by her alma mater with the American Indian Alumni Society Distinguished Alumni Award for 2014.

Jeraldine “Jerry” Brown, of Edmond, Okla., received the honor from the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association and the OSU American Indian Alumni Society in a ceremony Nov. 15.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said Mrs. Brown was very deserving of this honor.

“Jeraldine Brown has been a trailblazer for Chickasaw citizens, and all Oklahomans,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Her lifelong legacy of service to her country, her family and Oklahoma’s youth is a shining example for everyone.”

A 1943 education graduate of Oklahoma A&M College, now Oklahoma State University, Mrs. Brown enlisted in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps and reported for basic training two months following graduation.

During her service, she served in a top-secret mission because of a photography class she had taken in college. Assigned to develop film in a Pentagon photo lab, Mrs. Brown witnessed first-hand the devastation of the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Discharged from the Army in 1945, Mrs. Brown later obtained her master’s degree from Central State University (now University of Central Oklahoma) and taught sixth grade for 12 years. She continued to substitute teach until 2012 when she turned 90.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Brown has continued to carry on

the legacy of education which was instilled in her from her Chickasaw mother.

Despite the death of her father and the family’s subsequent financial hardships, Mrs. Brown enrolled at Oklahoma A&M College after graduating Classen High School in Oklahoma City in 1939.

“There was never any question I was going to college,” she said.

Arriving at school with \$100 in her pocket, she worked several jobs to pay her way through school.

She also helped her legally-blind roommate learn music by reading the notes, a skill she learned from her mother. The roommate would transcribe the notes in Braille. They remained friends for 40 years.

While at Oklahoma A&M, Mrs. Brown was member of the Aggie Pep Squad and an “Aggie” cheerleader her senior year. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Mrs. Brown has received the Teacher of the Year Award for a teaching career that spanned more than 40 years. She is an active member of the OU Medical Center Edmond Volunteer Auxiliary. She was president of the organization in 2010 and named Volunteer of the Year in 2012.

She continues to serve others at 92 years old by volunteering three days a week at OU Medical Center.

Mrs. Brown was also recently honored at the AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

STUDENT BEADS JEWELRY FOR FRANCE



East Central University graduate student Tammy Brown, right, a Chickasaw, presented Chickasaw beaded jewelry she crafted to Dr. Mara Sukholutskeya, left, and Dr. Katricia Pierson, who were headed to France after the presentation to meet with representatives from Limoges University on an exchange program. The jewelry was to be presented as gifts in France.

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‘Walk of Life’ in Tuscumbia celebrates tribal history



TUSCUMBIA, Ala. - The 2014 Walk of Life was the most inspiring and emotional of the walks through the years. It was dedicated to Reed Kirkland, a descendant of George Colbert after whom Colbert County is named.

Two hundred people and 10 tribes were represented in the walk to the Oka Kapassa Festival. Choctaw Ralph Isaacs returned this year and sang an honor song in the Choctaw language during the opening ceremony. Ladies from the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Creek Tulsa (OK) Baptist Choir sang hymns in their native tongue, which brought many to tears.

Robert Thrower conducted a ceremony to remember the ancestors. The elders and tribal representatives tied feathers to trees to mark a sacred site and to remember that Removal must never happen again. The Chickasaws chose Robert Perry to tie the feather on their behalf and an offering of tobacco was left around the tree.

Because Tuscumbia was once Chickasaw Homeland, tradition dictates that the Chickasaws lead

the walk. August 2014 was the bicentennial when the Muskogee Creeks signed the Treaty of Fort Jackson and ceded 23 million acres to form much of Alabama and Georgia. Because of this anniversary, the Creeks were asked to lead the group. Eddie Tullis, past chairman of the Poarch Creek Band was given the honor. He did so in a grand style that made everyone proud.

The 2.2-mile walk ended in the circle at the Tuscumbia Spring Park as visitors gathered to greet the return walkers. The Mississippi Choctaw drummers paid tribute by performing three honor songs.

The walk ended with “Amazing Grace”. The hymn was sung in 4 languages, first in Choctaw, then in Chickasaw, Muskogee Creek and ended with everyone singing in English. The closing ceremony ended as everyone left the sacred circle walking in a counter clockwise manner. The 2014 return was complete. www.Okakapassa.org.

Contributed by Robert and Annie Perry.

Chickasaw author's second novel published to positive reviews

A Chickasaw novelist has recently published his second work of fiction.

Underland Press has released Chimpanzee, by Darin Colbert Bradley. Chimpanzee follows Mr. Bradley’s initial novel, Noise, released by the Del Rey/Spectra imprint of Random House in 2010.

Chimpanzee takes a fictional look at the U.S. in a time of economic upheaval. A government process known as “re-possession therapy” is unleashed, designed to salvage what remains of the ravage U.S. economy.

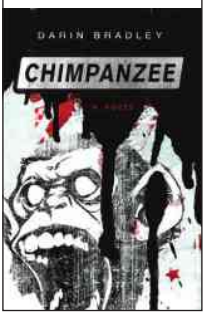
Mr. Bradley’s work has been well-received.

Publishers Weekly wrote “An exceptionally polished debut.”

Bookgasm’s Mark



Darin Colbert Bradley



Rose wrote, “This is a stunner of a novel, with a modernist almost poetical style, and a concept that blasts its way through the hoary old clichés. It’s the best fiction book I’ve read this year.”

Mr. Bradley holds a doctorate in literature and theory and was a college professor teaching writing and literature for a number of years. He has worked as the principal video game writer at id Software and has served in various editorial and design capacities for a number of independent presses and journals.

He lives in Texas with his wife.

For more information about Chimpanzee, go to http://darinbradley.com/?page_id=1849.



Steavi Claire Aiyanili (Hope) Purcell

Steavi Purcell crowned Johnston Rodeo Queen

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Steavi Claire Aiyanili (Hope) Purcell, a Chickasaw, was crowned Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo Queen on October 3, at the Tee Pee Arena in Tishomingo during the Chickasaw Festival.

Steavi Claire won a NSA saddle, sterling silver crown and belt buckle, tack and a cash prize.

Steavi Claire is a sixth generation Chickasaw citizen. She is in the sixth grade at Mustang (OK) Horizons Intermediate School. She is an honor roll student at Mustang Public Schools and the Chickasaw Nation Education program.

She is a member of the Pistols and Pearls Drill Team and Bridle Path 4-H Horse Club. She has won numerous awards, nationally and statewide, performing with the Drill Team and at Equine Quiz Bowl competitions. She has been riding horses most of her life and enjoys spending time on the family farm at Cheadle’s Crossing on Blue River near Milburn, Okla.

Steavi Claire is the daughter of Ken and Te’ata (Loper) Purcell, the granddaughter of Michael Loper, Dewayne and Karen Carroll and Mike and Linda Purcell. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Clarice (Cheadle) Gregory, late Doyle Loper, and Caroline Krebbs.

Steavi Claire said it was an honor to serve as the 37th JCRC Rodeo Queen with a special privilege of making Johnston County history being the last rodeo queen crowned at the Tee Pee Arena. She would like to say thank you to her family and Chickasaw tribal sponsors Scott Wood, Dustin Rowe, and the Chickasaw Nation for supporting her in making a little cowgirl’s dreams come true.

Young Chickasaw hunter hits limit at Kullihoma



Ethan Eck

Ethan Eck, of Ada, Okla., filled his bag limit in one evening at Kullihoma Reservation during the youth deer gun hunt.

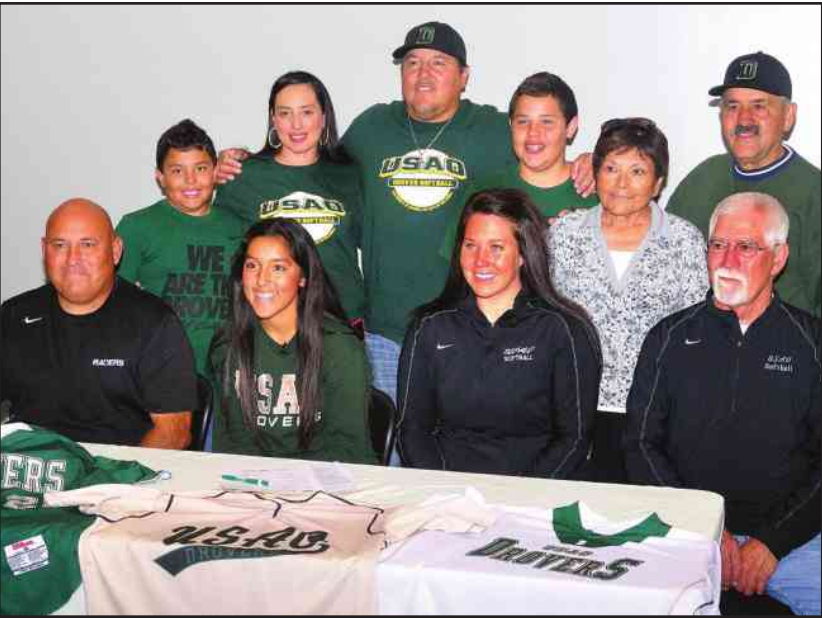
Ethan had already hunted for two days with no success, probably due to the late fall heat wave. But on the last evening of the youth hunt a young buck and doe both came in. Ethan made perfect shots to harvest both deer.

Ethan said the Chickasaw Rangers made him feel he had really done well and wanted to thank them for hauling his deer out so he didn’t have to do it himself.

Hit Girlz tops at tourney



Hit Girlz softball team recently took first place competed in the “Love of the Game” tournament October 4. Bottom row, from left, Jayse Smith-Chickasaw; Kieranie Williams-Chickasaw; Josalynn Lambert-Chickasaw; Izzy Justus-Chickasaw. Middle row, from left, Trinity Bess, Chickasaw; Mackenzie Manuel, Chickasaw; Ollie Miller, Chickasaw; Piper Presley, Chickasaw; Danni Lang, Choctaw. Back row, from left, Michael Bess, Terri Jones, Lea Lucas, Justin Miller. Not pictured Jade Bess.



It was a family affair at the formal scholarship signing of standout Chickasaw athlete Kobi Crossley Nov. 5. Front row from left are Newcastle Coach Mike Crossley, Kobi, Jayden Smith-Wallis, head coach of the University of Science and Arts and USAO assistant coach Ken Richardson. Back row from left is Kobi's brother, Trey; stepmother Sommer; father Jimbo; brother Kale; grandmother Nina Crossley and grandfather Lee Crossley.

Standout Chickasaw athlete Kobi Crossley signs with USAO

NEWCASTLE, Okla. – The 4A Oklahoma State Champion Girls Fast-Pitch Coach leaned on equipment in the weight room and waited.

Mike Crossley is patient. After all, a film crew was there interviewing the only senior to graduate off the state championship team. It just happens to be his niece, Kobi.

The Racers' third baseman was named First Team All-State; First Team All-Region; First Team All-Conference and Infielder of the Year for Oklahoma Class 4A girls' softball. She was being interviewed just prior to signing a national letter of intent Nov. 5 to play for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, in Chickasha.

"We'll be tough next year and I am making a schedule that will test our ability to overcome adversity throughout the entire season," Coach Crossley said. The 2015 schedule will feature teams as tough as his team. No patsies allowed.

A small grin crossed his face when asked if his cellphone has been ringing with overtures from other schools.

"Yes," he says quietly. "I have no intention of leaving Newcastle. I love it here."

'WARRIORING' ON

For 27 years, Mr. Crossley has been coaching at this growing community in the triangle of Oklahoma City, Moore and Norman. Twenty-two times he has led the girls' softball team into post-season state tournament action. Until this year, his teams have never won the championship.

Kobi Crossley predicted on social media this year would be the state championship year for Newcastle. Kobi, who has played in four state tournaments, could see the disappointment in her uncle's eyes over not bringing a state title home in 21 appearances.

"He tried not to show it," she

said. "For those closest to him, though, it was impossible to hide. I knew this was going to be our year. I could just feel it."

The title was not handed to the Racers on a silver platter.

The team advanced through the losers' bracket. Even a novice can tell you that's the most difficult way to win a title. Twice the Racers were down going into the final innings. Yet somehow they mustered the hits and runs needed to continue the quest. Finally, it was between perennial contender Fort Gibson and Newcastle for the coveted title. Newcastle breezed to a state championship, 3-0.

ON TO COLLEGE

Kobi, whom her uncle says is the "most naturally talented (athlete) with intuitive brilliance" he has ever coached, is headed to USAO on a full softball scholarship. She will be nurtured and coached by former Newcastle pitcher Jady Smith-Wallis, who also is Chickasaw.

Other universities came courting, but Kobi knew almost immediately she was bound for Chickasha. Ms. Smith-Wallis not only played for her uncle, she also served as a Newcastle Racers pitching coach when Kobi began playing high school softball.

"Kobi deserves it," Mr. Crossley said. "She has worked hard and has earned it."

With a cake, pizza and cookies to consume, about 100 students crammed into a room on the second-floor of Newcastle's field house to congratulate Kobi and give her a big send-off even though it will not be until May she marches to "Pomp and Circumstance" to get her diploma.

She will concentrate on core classes during her first two years of college, but will look to psychology as a major and perhaps a career ... that is unless a high school softball coaching job opens up.

'Commitment to excellence' Chickasaw scholar honored by Texas Tech



From left, Texas Tech University President Dr. Duane Nellis, Dr. Colleen Chadwick and Dr. Linda Hoover, dean of the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech.

LUBBOCK, Texas - Dr. Colleen Chadwick, a Chickasaw citizen, was honored by her alma mater, Texas Tech University last month.

Dr. Chadwick, who lives in the Sulphur, Okla., area, received the Distinguished Alumna Award from Texas Tech University's College of Human Science during homecoming week.

She recently embarked on a second career as a Chickasaw Nation training specialist after spending several years as a Hale County, Texas extension agent and an adjunct professor in the Texas Tech College of Human Sciences.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Dr. Chadwick exemplified servant leadership.

"Dr. Chadwick's commitment to excellence and dedication to developing leaders through the training program is admirable,"

Gov. Anoatubby said. "She continues to be a great example of the importance of working together to achieve our mission to enhance the quality of life of Chickasaw citizens."

Dr. Chadwick enrolled in Texas Tech's College of Human Sciences in 1982 after spending nine years in the workforce.

While at Texas Tech, she earned a master's degree and doctorate in home economics education and completed 15 hours of organizational management classes.

"I am thrilled to receive the Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences Distinguished Alumna award," Dr. Chadwick said. "It is an award of a lifetime."

"During my student years at Texas Tech University, I had the opportunity to interact with many outstanding professors and

students. Throughout my life, I have been blessed to walk with greatness. Our great, visionary leader, Governor Bill Anoatubby is a strong advocate for servant leadership. He encourages us to interact with others with a servant's heart. So again, I am walking with greatness in the Chickasaw Nation."

Before returning to Oklahoma in 2006, Dr. Chadwick was an adjunct professor in the Texas Tech College of Human Sciences. She served on the Texas Tech/Texas Cooperative Extension Internship Committee as well as the State Agriculture Program Legislative Strategies Committee.

Dr. Chadwick was involved in various adult education programs. In 2006, she was named Texas A&M University's Family and Consumer Sciences Extension regional program director emeritus and received the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 25-Years Meritorious Service award as well as the Association of Extension 4-H Agents Meritorious Service Award.

Dr. Chadwick's parents, whom she credits for instilling the importance of education, are J.W. and Betty Chadwick, of the Sulphur area.

Her Chickasaw grandmother was Margaret Hawkins Chadwick.

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Intertribal Day of Prayer



From left, Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton, Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief George Tiger, and Seminole Nation Principal Chief Leonard Harjo at Intertribal Day of Prayer.

Jacquelyn Sparks

Citizens of the Five Civilized Tribes gathered, Sat. Nov. 1 at Jones Academy, Hartshorne, Okla. to celebrate, reflect and give thanks during the inaugural Inter-Tribal Day of Prayer.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby reminded the crowd of the importance to take time out to reflect and give thanks for blessings.

"It is important to take time out our busy schedules and give thanks. This day of prayer provides us with the opportunity to do just that," Gov. Anoatubby said.

"We give thanks for all of the blessings He has bestowed to us as Native people."

Gov. Anoatubby also spoke of the importance of asking for divine guidance.

"We ask God to guide us as individuals and to guide our Nations as a whole."

The event was emceed by

Chickasaw Nation Chaplin Randy Wade and buttressed by a "Day of Prayer" Proclamation by the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma.

Students from Jones Academy and members of the Five Civilized Tribes led prayers, which was followed by worship and singing.

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Early detection key to diabetic retinopathy

Today, diabetes affects more than 29 million people in the U.S., or over nine percent of the population. In addition, another 86 million American adults, more than one out of three individuals, have pre-diabetes, a condition that puts people at increased risk for diabetes.

These statistics include many groups of American Indians and Alaska Natives. According to the Indian Health Service, almost 16 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives have diabetes. Among them, diabetes varies considerably in various regions, from six percent among Alaska Natives, to twenty-four percent among American Indians in southern Arizona. All people with diabetes, both type 1 and type 2, are at risk for diabetic eye disease, a leading cause of vision loss and blindness.

Diabetic eye disease refers to a group of eye problems people with diabetes may face as a complication of the disease and includes cataract, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma. Diabetic retinopathy, the most common diabetic eye disease, is the leading cause of blindness in

adults 20-74 years of age.

"The longer a person has diabetes, the greater is his or her risk of developing diabetic eye disease," Paul A. Sieving, M.D., Ph.D., director of the National Eye Institute (NEI), said. "If you have diabetes, be sure to have a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. Don't wait until you notice an eye problem to have an exam, because vision that is lost often cannot be restored."

Diabetic eye disease often has no early warning signs, but it can be detected early and treated before vision loss occurs. If you have diabetes in your family, you can leave a legacy of healthy vision by taking steps to prevent vision loss – get a comprehensive dilated eye exam.

"With early detection, timely treatment, and appropriate follow-up care, people with advanced diabetic retinopathy can reduce their risk of blindness by 95 percent," Suber Huang, M.D., M.B.A., chair of the Diabetic Eye Disease Subcommittee for NEI's National Eye Health Education Program, said.

Research has shown when people with diabetes maintain good control of blood sugar,

blood pressure and cholesterol, they can slow the development and progression of diabetic eye disease. In addition to having a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year, people with diabetes should do the following to keep their health on TRACK:

- Take your medications.
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight.
- Add physical activity to your daily routine.
- Control your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol.
- Kick the smoking habit.

If you have diabetes, set your sight on healthy vision. Schedule a comprehensive dilated eye exam. For more information on diabetic eye disease and tips on finding an eye care professional or financial assistance for eye care, visit www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes or call NEI at (301)496-5248.

The National Eye Institute (NEI), part of the National Institutes of Health, leads the federal government's research on the visual system and eye diseases. NEI supports basic and clinical science programs that result in the development of sight-saving treatments. For more information, visit www.nei.nih.gov.



Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Chaplin Randy Wade leads prayer at Intertribal Day of Prayer. Mr. Wade served as master of ceremonies for the first-ever event. The 2015 Inter-tribal Day of Prayer is set Nov. 7, 2015.

Distinguished Speaker Series



Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Michael F. Price College of Business at the University of Oklahoma, presents Gov. Bill Anoatubby with a plaque in appreciation of his participation in the school's Distinguished Speaker Series. Students, faculty and alumni attended the session.

October 2014 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Natalie Easley
Natalie Easley, 8, daughter of Stephanie and Terrance Brown, is a recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award. Natalie is in the third grade at Latta Elementary in Ada, Okla. She was nominated by her third grade teacher, Lisa Morrison.

“Natalie is an exceptional student,” Ms. Morrison said. “She is very respectful, follows rules, pays attention and sets a good example for others.”



Natalie Easley

Natalie's hobbies include swimming and going to her favorite restaurant in Dallas called “Magic Time Machine.” Natalie's future goals include practicing optometry.

“My family is really cool, because they take me and my sisters everywhere,” Natalie said. “A couple of my favorite places were the Pauls Valley Water Park and the Alligator Park by Shreveport, Louisiana.”

Emma Hardison
Emma Hardison, 8, daughter of Eric and Shawna Hardison, is a



Emma Hardison

recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Emma is in the third grade at Latta Elementary in Ada, Okla. She was nominated by her third grade teacher, Laura O'Donnell.

“Emma is always respectful and quiet in class. I have also seen her many times being kind and helping other students,” Ms. O'Donnell said. “She is a wonderful student.”

Emma's hobbies include playing softball, basketball and art.

Emma's future goal this year is to finish with straight A's and attend the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy for the first time.

Emma plays shortstop and leadoff hitter for her traveling softball team “Venom.”

Lauryn Watkins
Lauryn Watkins, 9, daughter James Watkins and Sherri Ellis, is a recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Lauryn is in the third grade at Latta Elementary in Ada, Okla. She was nominated by her third grade teacher, Bobbie Priest.

“Lauryn Watkins is a wonder-



Lauryn Watkins

ful student,” Ms. Priest said. “She always is willing to go the extra mile to do her work. She is a good friend to many students. It is a joy to have Lauryn in my classroom.”

Lauryn's hobbies include playing softball, basketball, piano, voice classes, dance and gymnastics.

Lauryn's future goals include becoming a doctor.

“My favorite sport is softball. I also play piano, take dance, gymnastics, basketball, hunt and fish,” Lauryn said.

Chickasaw citizen named Treasury Department director for health finance



Terri Reams

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has recently appointed a Chickasaw citizen to a leadership role in finance.

Terri Reams, of Stratford, Okla., has been named director of finance for Chickasaw Nation Health Systems in the Department of Treasury.

“Mrs. Reams has the experience, enthusiasm and dedication to serve effectively in this new position,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “She understands the importance of providing quality, efficient health care to our citizens and all Native Americans, and

she is committed to fulfilling our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of all Chickasaw people.”

As director of tribal health systems finance, Mrs. Reams will be able to meld her health care and public accounting experience to direct, oversee and plan financial activities for Chickasaw Nation Health Systems.

“It is such an honor to be appointed by Governor Anoatubby. I am beyond blessed to be able to serve with this amazing group of people,” Mrs. Reams said.

Mrs. Reams' career includes

service in the U.S. Army. She has been a member of the Oklahoma Air National Guard since 1991, where she served in the 137th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron as a health systems specialist, flight nurse and flight nurse instructor, and the 137th Air Refueling Wing in the command support section.

She earned her bachelor's degree in business administration and master's degree in accounting from East Central University, and holds an associates' degree in nursing from Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City.

Prior to joining the Chickasaw Nation, Mrs. Reams worked for a public accounting firm. She is a member of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs, Alpha Chi Honor Society, Delta Mu Delta, international business honor society.

Mrs. Reams, her husband Randy and son, Dillon, live south of Stratford.

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Sargent named human resources director at WinStar World Casino



Jerry Sargent

World Casino and Resort.

Jerry Sargent has been named director of human resources, southern region in the Chickasaw Nation Department of Interior Services.

“Mr. Sargent possesses the extensive experience, critical skills and knowledge needed to effectively accomplish his duties,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “His commitment to fulfilling his role in our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people makes him well-suited for this position.”

In his new position, Mr. Sargent will oversee the human resources policies, programs, practices and employee relations activity for the more than 3,000 employees at WinStar World Casino and Resort

in Thackerville, Okla.

“My job duties include strategically enhancing the overall mission of the Chickasaw Nation at WinStar, working to provide a venue with a viable and sustaining workforce, and continuing to build relationships among the employees and management providing a competitive environment in which to work, Mr. Sargent said.

“I am very thankful for this wonderful opportunity to work with the Chickasaw Nation, and I am committed to the mission that Governor Anoatubby has set for us.”

For the past 16 years, Mr. Sargent has served as director and vice president of human resources for companies and organiza-

tions in Michigan, Washington, D.C., and Ohio. Most recently, he served as a director of human resources at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he was responsible for various aspects of Miami University Human Resources and employee and labor relations for 5,000 employees.

He received the Miami University Pride award in 2012. The award recognizes individuals who display distinguished excellence, outstanding performance and contributions to the university.

“In my career as an executive-level human resources professional, my duties have revolved around providing my employer with strategic leadership and the development of talent and resources,” Mr. Sargent said. “My

primary focus has been identifying needs and opportunities, evaluating best practices, and implementing programs in support of the overall strategy and mission.”

Mr. Sargent earned a juris doctorate at Western Michigan University's Thomas Cooley Law School. He also holds bachelor's degree in political science from Wright State University.

He recently moved to the Denton, Texas area. In his spare time he enjoys outdoor activities, motorcycle rides and plays the drums.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

- OKLAHOMA**
ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Vicki Monks
405-524-4506
Chickasawvic@gmail.com

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

- ARIZONA**
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Southern California Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224
wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Beverly Rodgers
(303) 719-3527

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219

LOUISIANA
Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

- NEW ENGLAND**
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Ellen Brooker
ebrooker@swisd.net

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas
John Atkins
972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Chickasaw directed renowned movies, famous actors

Edwin Carewe was pioneering director during silent screen era



Edwin Carewe
Photo courtesy of: Edwincarewe.com website

Fans of classic films will recognize the names of Gary Cooper, Mary Pickford and Ethyl Barrymore. These are among the most beloved stars of both the silent era, and “talkies” as sound movies were originally known.

But these noted actors, among many others, also have the distinction of working with a Chickasaw filmmaker who was among the most successful of his time. Edwin Carewe made his way in Hollywood as a director, writer and producer of some of the biggest hits of the silent era.

“He was a well-respected director in Hollywood,” Jan-Christopher Horak, director of the UCLA Film & Television Archive in Los Angeles, said. “He started directing films about 1914 but was even an actor before then. He was part of the system.”

Mr. Horak has worked closely in locating and preserving films made by and about Native Americans. His work in showcasing Mr. Carewe’s films has included screenings across the country and even in the preservation of one of the director’s most notable films.

“I think he was a very careful filmmaker,” Mr. Horak said. “His most well-known films, ‘Evangeline’ and ‘Ramona,’ are wonderful. In these, each scene is carefully composed, almost as if he was a painter. He had very high ambitions. I think he was really into film as art.”

Mr. Carewe was born Jay John Fox in 1883 in Gainesville, Texas, to Franklin Marion Fox and Sallie J. Priddy. Ms. Priddy was the daughter of Col. James P Priddy and Elizabeth McLish.

Mr. Carewe changed his name to Edwin Carewe when he went into film. His brothers, Franklin Finis Fox and Wallace Ware Fox, were also accomplished directors, producers and writers in Hollywood. Mr. Carewe is listed in the 1898 and 1907 Dawes Rolls as Chickasaw. There are references in Chickasaw archives of Finis Fox being elected to the Chickasaw legislature.

Mr. Carewe took his Chickasaw heritage with him when he began making films in Hollywood

– at least as much as the system would allow at the time.

“He was clearly drawn to Native American subject matter,” Mr. Horak said.

In 1925, Mr. Carewe signed actress Dolores del Rio to an exclusive contract. She appeared in his two most famous films. “Ramona,” Mr. Horak said, had an interesting history.

Many film historians thought the film had long since vanished or was destroyed over time. However, it was found in a film archive in the Czech Republic and restored to its original version. The restored version premiered to a UCLA audience in March of this year.

According to information provided by UCLA, the film is set in Southern California after the Mexican-American War. The film portrays the life of a mixed-race Native American orphan who suffers discrimination and hardship. Studio publicity of the time proclaimed, “MILLIONS – Have read the book. Will relive the romance! Will adore Dolores del Rio.”

The film, which didn’t shy away from the theme of cultural diversity and tolerance, was a major hit, reported UCLA.

“We showed the first screening of this film in probably 70 or 80 years since its original release,” Mr. Horak said. “I think it is a very interesting film based on a play. He directed and produced it. It had all the trappings of a real Hollywood film.”

Even in his film, and considering his Chickasaw heritage, he continued to be part of a Hollywood system, Mr. Horak said, that portrayed Native Americans in a somewhat unflattering way.

“In this film, you still get the Dolores del Rio character as a traditional Indian maiden,” he said. “But, to be a producer meant he was in control of the film. That made him unique in that regard. We don’t really get other Native Americans behind the camera for another 50 years.”

Even the theme song from “Ramona” was a big hit at the time. The song was recorded by Ms. del Rio in 1928.

Another of Mr. Carewe’s most well-known films is “Evangeline,” also starring Ms. del Rio. In this film, based on a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the actress plays a woman caught in the middle of a war between France and England. She is forced out of Europe and moves to Louisiana where she begins to search for her long lost love from the war. She eventually arrives at a settlement of Jesuits and moves to Philadelphia to care for the maimed and friendless, where she is reunited with her long-sought beloved.

Like “Ramona,” most historians knew that only a small handful of



Edwin Carewe is pictured with his crew on one of his film sets.
Photo courtesy of: Edwincarewe.com website



Working on the set as director of “Evangeline,” Edwin Carewe is at the top of the ladder with the camera.
Photo courtesy of: Edwincarewe.com website

films of this era survived. As it happened, Mr. Horak actually did the restoration of “Evangeline.”

“This is a beautiful film,” he said. “I believe the restored version is now housed at Eastman House.”

A clip of “Evangeline” can be viewed at [www. Edwincarewe.com](http://www.Edwincarewe.com) under the Filmography section.

“Edwin Carewe made important films with important actors,” Mr. Horak said. “Some would say his style was slow but I don’t think so. The coming of sound in films and a faster pace could be why his career ended.”

In 1934, Mr. Carewe attempted a comeback with a transition into the “talkies” with the film “Are

We Civilized?” He died in 1940 of heart failure. This, his last motion picture, can be viewed in full on YouTube by searching “Are We Civilized?”

For more information on Carewe, including his Chickasaw heritage and film history, visit [www. Edwincarewe.com](http://www.Edwincarewe.com).

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Poster for the film “Revenge” produced by Edwin Carewe for United Artists.



FIRST Lego League competition Nov. 15 at Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada



Team Dominators practice their demonstration for the FIRST Lego League judges.

Five teams competed in the FIRST Lego League Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014 at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada, Oklahoma.

Both of the Chickasaw Nation Teams received awards in the competition. Cybernuts won 1st place in Robot Performance and Blockheads received 1st place in Robot Design.

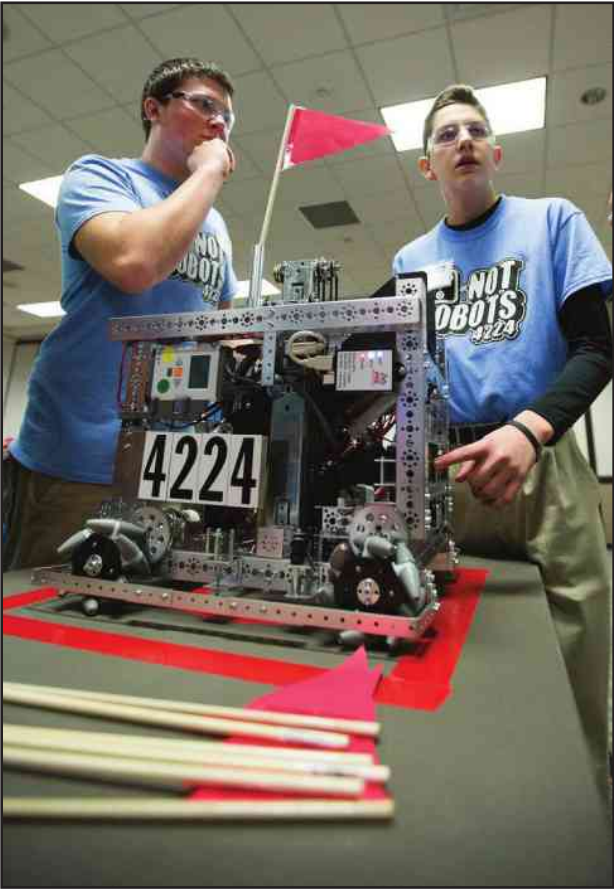


Volunteer helping FIRST Lego League teams with repairs or setup.

FIRST Tech League competition Nov. 1 at ECU Chickasaw Business & Conference Center, Ada

Fourteen teams participated in the FIRST Tech League competition.

Both of the Chickasaw Nation teams in the competition advanced to state competition on Feb. 7, 2015 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford.



Team Why Not Robots display robot for inspection.



Team Cybernuts moves carefully constructed robots to the Judging area.



Team Why Not $\sqrt{2}$ prepares for qualification match at the FIRST Tech League competition at the Chickasaw Business & Conference Center on the East Central University Campus Nov. 1.

Halloween Lock-in



Children from Ada, Tishomingo, Ardmore, Purcell and the Oklahoma City area enjoyed the eventful fun-filled night at the Halloween Lock-In.



Courtney Starns and daughter share hugs and excitement at the Halloween Lock-In in Moore, Okla., at Andy Alligator's Fun Park.



Halloween Lock-In also featured a costume contest. The overall best costume received a Walmart gift card.

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Top photo: Governor Bill Anoatubby with a members of the Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection. From left are Irvin Yeager, David Clubb, co-chair of the Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection, Governor Anoatubby, Phil Reynolds, chairperson of the Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection, and Bill Morgan.

At left: Governor Anoatubby and Henry Wells.

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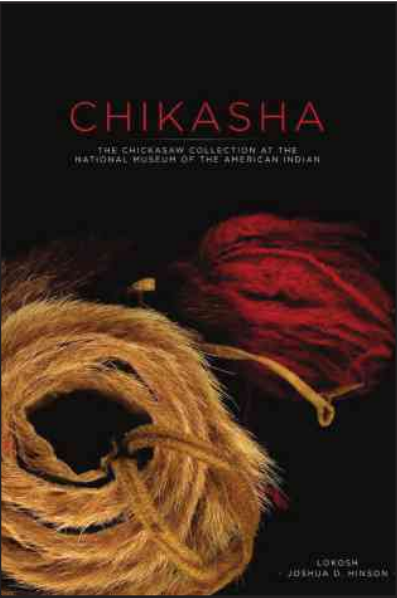
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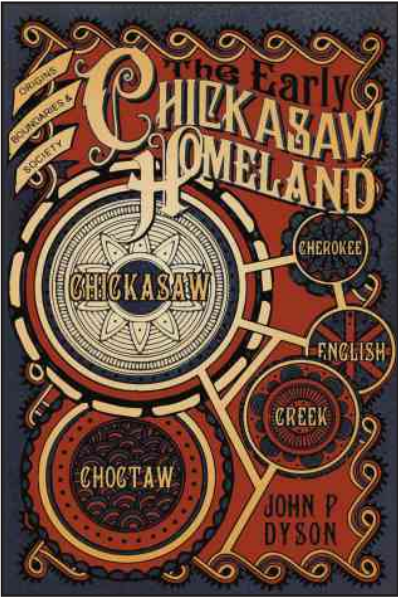
Chickasaw Press, White Dog Press release enticing lineup of new titles



ADA, Okla. – Chickasaw Press and White Dog Press have recently introduced five new books. On Dec. 11-12, a 15 percent discount will be available to consumers just in time for the Christmas giving season, Chickasaw Press Director Wiley Barnes said.

The special event for book-lovers will be at the Chickasaw Press and White Dog Press offices, 1315 Hoppe Blvd., in Ada. On Dec. 11, books will go on sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 12 hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Book patrons must go to the Hoppe office location to receive the discount. At least three of the authors – Phillip Morgan, Joshua Hinson and Mr. Barnes – will autograph books; however a firm time has not been established for autographs.

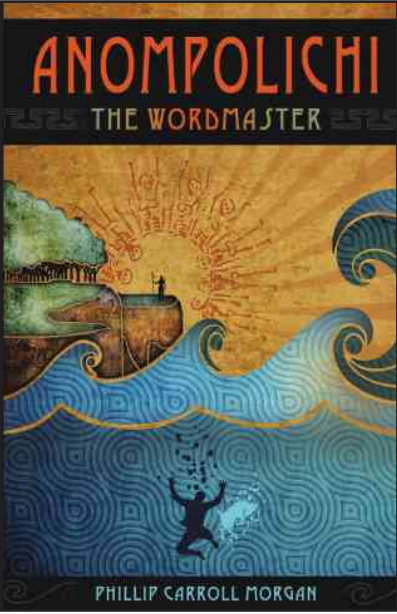


The books from Chickasaw Press include *Chikasha: The Chickasaw Collection* at the National Museum of the American Indian by Mr. Hinson, and *The Early Chickasaw Homeland: Origins, Boundaries and Society* by John P. Dyson.

White Dog Press released its first novel, *Anompolichi: The Wordmaster* by Mr. Morgan and a new children's book, *C is for Chickasaw*, by Mr. Barnes.

White Dog Press has also formally introduced the *Chickasaw Journeys Activity Book*, which was released earlier this year. The book is full of fun activities for children to learn about the Chickasaw language, the tribe's culture and history.

All five books have been on sale since October's Chickasaw Annu-



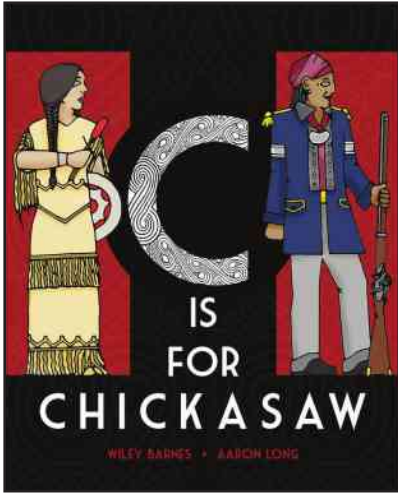
al Meeting and Festival. **Anompolichi: The Wordmaster** by Phillip Carroll Morgan

Anompolichi: The Wordmaster is the first novel published by White Dog Press. Set in North America in 1399, *Anompolichi* uses compelling characters and vibrant settings to weave a tale of adventure and intrigue as it explores what Native civilizations may have looked like nearly 100 years before contact with Europeans.

C is for Chickasaw by Wiley Barnes; Illustrated by Aaron Long

White Dog Press' newest children's book, *C is for Chickasaw*, is an ABC book that incorporates elements of Chickasaw history, language and culture.

Chikasha: The Chickasaw Collection at the National Museum

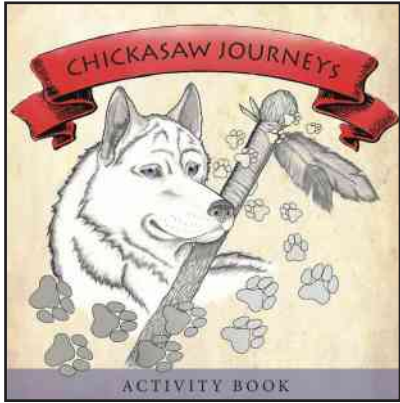


of the American Indian by Joshua D. Hinson

This full-color, coffee table-style book features the collection of Chickasaw artifacts held by the National Museum of the American Indian. It includes commentary that speaks to the history and cultural significance of each item in the collection.

The Early Chickasaw Homeland: Origins, Boundaries and Society by John P. Dyson

Mr. Dyson examines the life of Chickasaws in the original homeland, drawing on extensive firsthand research and his knowledge of Chickasaw language to provide insight into the homeland's true territorial boundaries, place names, and the social structure of the Chickasaws who lived there.



Chickasaw Journeys Activity Book

Designed for children ages 5-12, the Chickasaw Journeys Activity Book uses a variety of engaging activities to introduce Chickasaw history, language and culture. Some activities can be completed from home, while others require children to visit historical and cultural sites within the Chickasaw Nation.

Children have the opportunity to earn trade beads during their on-site visits. Children completing activities are granted membership to the Ofi' Tohbi Club, which includes a club patch and coin.

CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.



Mother and son, Shelly Goodwin and Cash Goodwin, enjoy searching for unique stones during Camp Hayaka Unta.

Families gather for fall outdoor time

at Hayak Unta Camp near Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. - For most families, spring and summer are the appropriate seasons for camping. However, many define fall as the perfect time to embark on a camping adventure. This fall, 22 campers from 10 families enjoyed the Chickasaw Nation Hayaka Unta Camp, Oct. 18-19, at Camp Goddard near Sulphur.

Hayaka Unta allows families a chance to get away from everyday life and spend quality time with each other. This camp strengthens family bonds by eliminating some of life's distractions. Families who don't spend a lot of time outdoors regain respect and appreciation for the beauty of nature.

Sam Wallace and his family, of Ardmore, Okla., have attended Hayaka Unta every year since 2006.

"Attending Camp Hayaka Unta has increased our knowledge of our Chickasaw culture and heritage," Mr. Wallace said. "The things I enjoy most about the camp are learning about our culture, meeting new friends, enjoying the outdoors, getting away from our busy lives and spending quality time with the family."

Campers had many activities available. Canoeing, fishing and a family scavenger hunt were enjoyed by all. Arts and crafts activities were also taught by tribal Arts & Humanities instructors. Campers designed snakes called "sinti's," baseball caps and wooden shakers. Families gathered around the campfire for a unique storytelling experience. Arts & Humanities instructor Gwen Post oak told two stories while campers worked on their crafts. One story was about a boy who turned into a snake. The oth-

er Chickasaw story was about a baby rattlesnake.

Campfire activities also included a pumpkin carving contest and musical entertainment.

Families enjoyed making s'mores and hotdogs around the campfire.

The cultural campfire stories are not only interesting, Mr. Wallace said, but also taught life lessons.

"During arts and crafts time, stories were told as we worked on our projects," he said. "The stories included life lessons about listening, respecting your elders and the importance of patience. This gave me the opportunity to talk with my son about these life lessons."

Hayaka Unta is offered twice annually, in spring and fall. Chickasaw youth are encouraged to submit applications in advance. Those who are not selected are placed on the waiting list for the next available opening. Applications are available online at <https://chickasaw.net>. Application deadline is the end of August.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Department at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Camp Goddard

This is a beautiful camp setting for children and families to enjoy nature or perhaps experience their first camping trip. The camp is near Sulphur and offers a beautiful landscaped national park land. The camp has 21 cabins, pavilions to conduct meetings or trainings, dining halls, an outdoor chapel and other areas for activities.

Kids enjoy ‘Chalk Art Day’

in Tishomingo, Ardmore



Children from Ardmore and Tishomingo enjoy Chalk Art Day on Oct. 24 at the Cultural Center Sulphur, Okla.



Little youngster carefully creates her masterpiece for all to see.

FAFSA workshop set

for Jan. 23 in Ada

A FAFSA Fundamentals and Oklahoma Promise Workshop will be January 23, 2015 at the Youth and Family Auditorium in Ada.

The auditorium is at 231 Seabrook road. The morning session runs 10 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session runs 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students and parents should become familiar with the form because it can lead to significant financial assistance with college and other advanced education.

The workshop is hosted by Chickasaw Nation Educational Services Department and Oklahoma's College Assistance Program. It is open to all Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees.

Employees can earn two hours of IDP individual skills development credit by attending.

For more information, contact Katie Akerman at (580) 421- 7711, extension 60914.

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Chickasaw attorney named UA distinguished alumnus



Janie Simms Hipp, J.D., L.L.M.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - A Chickasaw agricultural lawyer was recently named a distinguished alumnus by her alma mater.

The University of Arkansas Alumni Association awarded Janie Simms Hipp, J.D., L.L.M., with a Citation of Distinguished Alumni award during the Arkansas Alumni Association's 70th Annual Alumni Awards Celebration October 24.

An agricultural lawyer with several decades of experience in land use law, agricultural production law and environmental law, Ms. Hipp currently serves as director of the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative and visiting professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville.

She previously served as senior adviser to the Secretary of Tribal Relations in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Ms. Hipp was very deserving of the honor.

"Ms. Hipp has dedicated her career to educating Native Americans and the general public on the importance of sustainable agriculture in Indian Country, Gov. Anoatubby said.

"She continues to be in the forefront of protecting and preserving Native American agriculture customs for future generations."

The honor was bestowed days after Ms. Hipp attended an October 21 dialogue at the White House which focused on the future of women in agriculture.

At the White House, Ms. Hipp stressed the historic and current importance of Native women and their contributions to agriculture, as well as the critical need to engage more young women in agriculture.

Ms. Hipp credits the Chickasaw Nation for its support during her career and hopes to inspire Chickasaw youth to sustain sacred traditions, such as agriculture customs.

"I am so very proud I am Chickasaw," Ms. Hipp said. "I am surrounded by accomplished and dynamic Chickasaw people and even though I find myself a state away or across the country, I am forever thinking about what I can do as a Chickasaw woman to leave a path for the future."

Ms. Hipp oversaw the first-ever Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Summer Leadership Summit this year. Fifty high school students participated in the week-long education and leadership summit which focused on providing comprehensive training in the legal and business complexities unique to Indian Country land and agriculture.

"Our young people guide me in my work because they are so very important to our future," she said. "Leaving a solid foundation for them is my ultimate goal. It guides how I make decisions every day and it guides what our Initiative does every day. Our ancestors did the same for me. It is the least I can do for them."

A native of Idabel, Okla., Ms. Hipp's family has been involved

About the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

The Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas School of Law encompass multi-disciplinary research, service and education opportunities.

The first of its kind nationally, the initiative's goals include: To increase student enrollment in the land grant universities in food and agricultural related disciplines by supporting existing students and creating early pipeline programs for youth and to create new academic and executive education programs in food

and agriculture, including law, policy and tribal governance.

The initiative directly supports Indian country by providing strategic planning and technical assistance.

This includes research and publications in Tribal Governance Infrastructure to Enhance Business and Economic Development Opportunities, Financial Markets and Asset Management, Health and Nutrition Policy for Tribal Community Wellness and Intellectual Property Rights and Protection of Traditional Knowledge.

As senior adviser for tribal relations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ms. Hipp established the USDA's Office of Tribal Relations in the Office of the Secretary and served two terms on the USDA Secretary's Advisory Committee for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers.

Ms. Hipp is the granddaughter of the late Irene Spencer Simms, an original enrollee.

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Sovereign Medical Clinic, Norman



Sovereign Family Practice Clinic, Ada

Sovereign clinics serve non-Chickasaw employees, families

In 2010, officials with the Chickasaw Nation dedicated efforts to realizing a long-established goal: To serve our hard-working and dedicated non-Chickasaw employees by providing quality health care for both employees and employees' immediate families at conveniently located medical clinics. That goal is being realized with the opening of two locations - Sovereign Family Practice Clinic, Ada, opened in 2011 and Sovereign Medical Clinic, Norman, opened in 2014.

Chris Anoatubby serves as Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce Under Secretary of Tribal and Commercial Health. Mr. Anoatubby answers questions about the clinics below.

Q. What are Sovereign Medical Clinics and whom do they serve?

Mr. Anoatubby: Sovereign Medical Clinics provide medical care and pharmacy services for non-Chickasaw employees and their immediate family members as well as the general public. The clinics accept most major insurance plans or private pay. These clinics are not affiliated with Indian Health Service and do not offer free services to Chickasaw citizens like Chickasaw Nation Health Clinics in Ardmore, Purcell, Tishomingo and other areas. However, a Chickasaw citizen who has insurance with an accepted provider or who chooses to use private pay options may use the clinic and pharmacy.

The on-site pharmacies at Sovereign Medical Clinics also serve non-Chickasaw employees, their immediate family members and the general public. They are not affiliated with Indian Health Service and are not meant to replace the Chickasaw Nation Refill Center or Online Pharmacy Refill Center for Chickasaw citizens. Instead, both SFPC and SMC are meant to extend our services as we continue to expand and diversify.

Q. Why is the Ada location called Sovereign Family Practice Clinic and the Norman location Sovereign Medical Clinic?

Mr. Anoatubby: Currently, SFPC and SMC offer different services and have different operating hours. SMC in Norman offers medical care and extended operating hours seven days per week as well as an on-site laboratory and radiology services. SFPC in Ada does not have an on-site laboratory and radiology capabilities at this time, nor do they have extended operating hours seven days per week. However, in the coming year, we have plans to expand services at the Ada location to include lab and radiology capabilities as well



Chris Anoatubby

as extended operating hours. Once we are able to put those changes into place, the name will change to Sovereign Medical Clinic since all services and hours at the two clinics will be parallel.

If the clinics are not affiliated with Indian Health Service, how do they benefit Chickasaw Nation citizens?

Mr. Anoatubby: The Chickasaw Nation owns and operates more than 60 businesses, the revenues of which support programs and services for tribal citizens. The Nation's businesses include Bedré Fine Chocolate, several radio stations, a luxury hotel and many, many others. Sovereign Medical Clinics also are included in the list of Nation-owned businesses.

The clinics are an investment in completing the circle. Not only will the clinics generate revenues to support programs and services for Chickasaw citizens, they will also help Nation employees and their families live life well through quality medical care. Quality medical care results in healthier employees, which means an increase in productivity. Increased productivity results in increased revenues which will return to support programs and services for Chickasaw citizens.

We are here to serve the Chickasaw people, our dedicated employees and their families, and the general public. It is our honor to invite you to become Sovereign and live life well.

About Chris Anoatubby

Chris Anoatubby serves as Under Secretary of Tribal and Commercial Health for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce. Previously, Mr. Anoatubby served nine years as the Chief of Pharmacy Services for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health. As Under Secretary, Mr. Anoatubby serves as the administrative leader for all pharmacy and health care related services within the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce.

Tribe's GeoSpatial IS named 'Tribal Program of the Year'



The Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial Information Systems Department received the "Tribal Program of the Year" during the Fifth Annual National Tribal GIS Conference in, Albuquerque, N.M. Manernd Gayler, Director of GIS, and John Ellis, Executive Officer of Chickasaw Nation Construction and Support Services, received the award on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial Information Systems (GIS) was recognized Nov. 3 as "Tribal Program of the Year" during opening ceremonies of the Fifth Annual National Tribal GIS Conference at the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

"It is an honor to have our team recognized as program of the year at the conference," GIS Director Manernd Gayler said. "There are about 150 tribes that belong to the group. To have our department's hard work recognized by

our peers is something special."

More than 300 tribal, industry and academic leaders were represented at the weeklong conference organized by the National Tribal Geographic Information Support Center (NTGISC) and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

The annual conference allows professionals within the GIS (modern mapmaking) field to gather and share the latest technologies and practices. Workshops, presentations and panel discussions events brought nov-

ice and advanced GIS users together.

"The GIS conference allows tribes to come together and share information. Some have large programs like ours. Others may only have one person on staff. Either way we share what works with each other," Mr. Gayler said. "Colleges and business also attend, keeping us up-to-date on industry trends and listening to our needs."

Currently, Mr. Gayler represents the Chickasaw Nation on the advisory committee for TRIBALGIS.COM. According its website, TRIBALGIS.COM is a place for tribal personnel, tribal members, faculty and students of tribal colleges and supporting organizations to share professional, forward-thinking views, progressive knowledge and continuous education within a community of active GIS users who serve tribal communities.

This year's conference theme, "Power of the Past-Progress of the Future," built on the rich history of Native Americans. Retaining vital connections to the past is important to pave the way for a progressive future.

"By bringing this rich history forward and coupling it with modern technology we are able to provide our tribal leadership with the information they need to carry our tribes forward; paving the way for a progressive and successful future," said Gareth Couch, president of NTGISC.

Tribal applications for GIS include farming, realty, cultural preservation, emergency and environmental management, public transportation and public safety among others.

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Clothing Grant deadline Dec. 31

Application deadline for the Chickasaw Nation Youth Clothing Grant is Dec. 31.

Chickasaw citizens ages three to 18 (through high school seniors) are eligible to apply for the \$200 clothing grant once per school year.

Funds are distributed in the form of a VISA gift card, and are to be used for clothing purchases only. Gift cards are renewable and may be usable for up to five years. Recipients should not dis-

card unexpired VISA gift cards.

All original receipts must be returned to the division of youth services by mail or in-person prior to the next application period.

Additional program details can be found at www.chickasaw.net/ysclothinggrant.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth Services at (580) 272-5585 or clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship applications for Spring 2015

The Chickasaw Foundation is proud to offer funding assistance for college. The foundation is pleased to announce the opening of four scholarships to be funded for the Spring 2015 semester.

The Chickasaw Foundation Nonprofit Management Scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a four-year college. The student must be pursuing a nonprofit management degree/certification and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

The John Bennett Herrington Scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw student with a GPA of 2.5 or higher in his or her junior or senior year at any four-year college or university. The student must be pursuing a degree in engineering, physics, chemistry, mathematics, geophysics, natural science or a related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees, and must have a demonstrated interest in space aeronautics.

The Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship is

for a Chickasaw Nation employee enrolled in a career technology center or trade school. The student must be 18 years or older, a high school graduate and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

The Native Americans Transforming Visions (NATV) Scholarship is also available for application by a full-time student who was a high school graduate

and resident of the Chickasaw Children's Village. The student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and attend any form of higher learning that includes, but is not limited to, vocational-technical schools, trade school, or any undergraduate program at a two- or four-year college/university.

Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year. All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date - **December 5, 2014** - to be considered for funding.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, a dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or visit their website, www.chickasawfoundation.org.



Donation

The Chickasaw Foundation recently presented a "Christmas in July" project during new employee orientation. This presentation provided new employees an opportunity to contribute to the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan for the purchase of a Christmas light display for the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Thank you to all who participated.

Memorial Donations

The Chickasaw Foundation was established in 1971 as a 501 (c) 3 organization. Every year, the foundation is fortunate to receive many charitable donations including memorial donations.

A memorial donation is a special way of remembering a loved one while helping others. Acknowledgement cards can be sent to family members, per your request, upon a donation being received by the Chickasaw Foundation.

Please contact our office at (580) 421-9030 if you have any questions.



Jesseka Hanzel, recipient of the Patricia (Trisha) and Greg Hays Educational Scholarship.

Patricia (Trisha) and Greg Hays Educational Scholarship

Jesseka Hanzel is the first recipient of the newly-established Patricia (Trisha) and Greg Hays Educational Scholarship. She is a senior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in early childhood education.

Friends of the Foundation



Tracie Carter, right, presents Mary Jo Green with the Pendleton throw she won at the reception.



Chickasaw Foundation Annual T-Ball Tournament

The 7th annual t-ball tournament will be this coming spring 2015 at the Chickasaw Nation Softball Complex in Ada. This will be a double-elimination tournament and only the first ten teams will be accepted. The entry fee is \$100 and the age cut-

off date is January 1. Players must be 6 years old on or before December 31 to play. Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation if you have questions or need information at (580) 421-9030 or email ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation is greatly appreciative to employees who elected to donate to the Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP).

In January 2015, the foundation will mail receipts to ECCP participants who contributed over \$250 to the Foundation during 2014. Receipts will also be issued for those who contributed other

amounts upon request. You may contact the office by calling (580) 421-9030 or by e-mail at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make a difference in the lives of others!

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service"

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Friends of the Foundation



Governor Bill Anoatubby with Jazlyn Key, Little Miss Chickasaw; Maegan Carney, Chickasaw Junior Princess; and Taylor Weems, Chickasaw Princess.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Foundation honored donors and volunteers Nov. 7 during the "Friends of the Foundation" reception at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Chickasaw Princesses presented the "Lord's Prayer" in sign language. The Foundation's executive officer Johnna Walker opened the event and thanked those in attendance for their support.

Silent auction items included several pieces of Native American art pieces and Christmas gift items. Proceeds from the silent auction go to the Chickasaw Nation Fine Arts Scholarship. The Chickasaw Nation Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship is available to 30 students. The students must be enrolled in college full time, be juniors or seniors, have a CDIB card and major in fine arts.

Vice chairman Dr. Tina Cooper thanked everyone who contributed to the Foundation, including employees who contribute through the employee contribution program.

"There is strength in numbers," Dr. Cooper said.

Over several years, The Chickasaw Nation has helped many organizations with the employee contribution program. Some of the organizations include Make a Wish Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project and miscellaneous food banks.

Each year the foundation recognizes outstanding individuals who have made a difference through their contributions to the Chickasaw Nation. This year's award recipients included:

Special Recognition was given to Julia Tyler and Gary Childers for serving on the Scholarship Advisor Committee.

Volunteer of the Year was given to Dana Clifton and Brandon Ro-

lan. Ms. Clifton was instrumental in making the Pontotoc Pursuit a success. Mr. Rolan has been a yearly volunteer at foundation events and has assisted with reviewing scholarship applications.

Circle of Friends Award was given to The Chickasaw Nation Department of Community Services. The foundation appreciated the teamwork, dedication and friendship in helping complete the Pontotoc Pursuit event.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Donor of the Year was Dr. David Frow. Dr. Frow has participated in the employee charitable contribution plan since his employment with the Chickasaw Nation. He has served for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health as a physician from 2001-2007, and rejoined the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health in November 2012.

Patron of the year was awarded to Chickasaw legislator Mary Jo Green. Mrs. Green established the Jess Green Memorial Law Scholarship in memory of her son, Jess Green. The first Jess Green Memorial Law Scholarship was awarded in fall 2014.

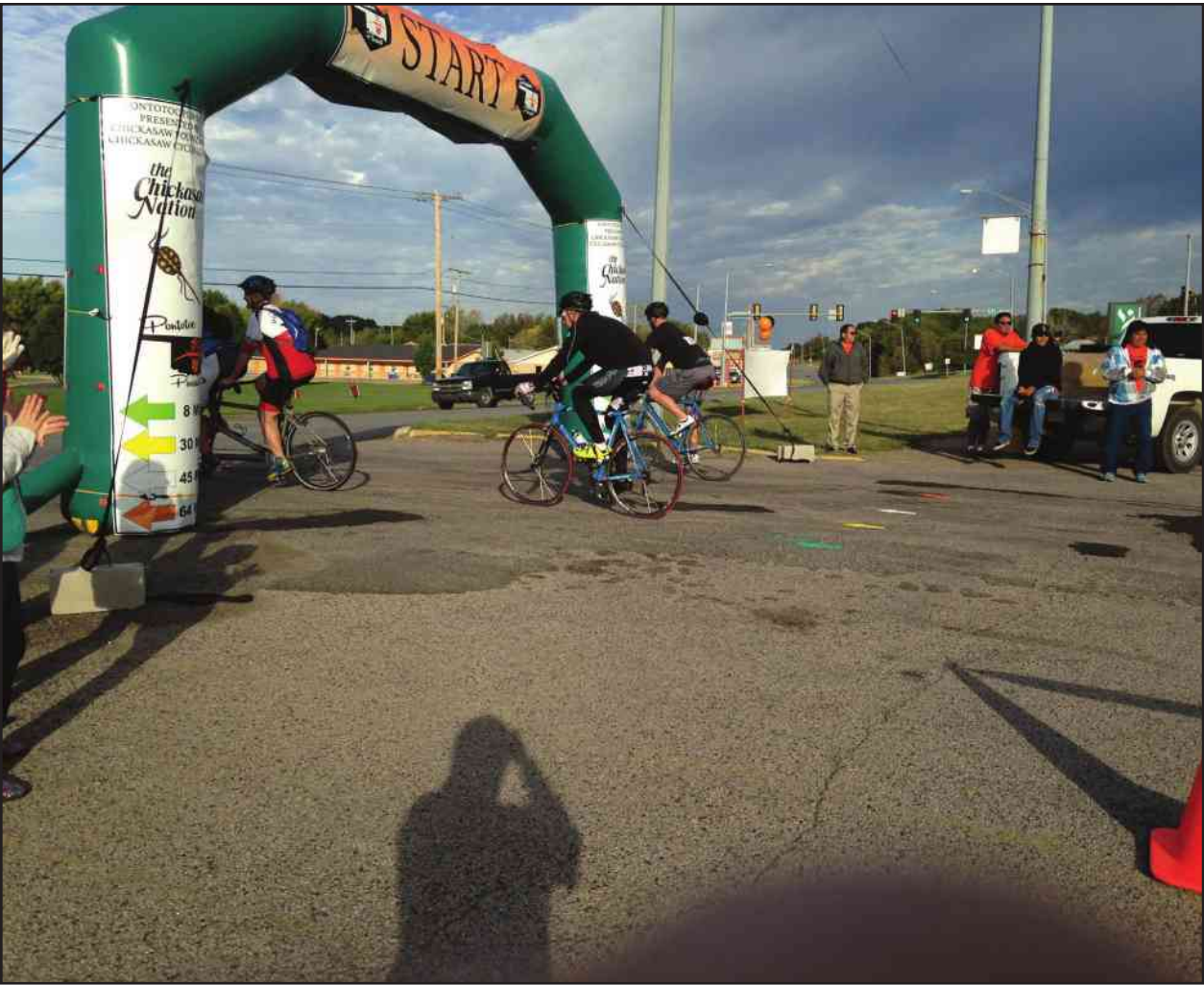
After the recognition awards were announced, the silent auction commenced. Musician Kyle Mott provided beautiful acoustic music throughout the reception.

The Chickasaw Foundation

The Chickasaw Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 1971. Its mission is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

For more information about the Chickasaw Foundation, visit www.chickasawfoundation.org or call (580) 421-9030.

77 cyclists in Pontotoc Pursuit raise funds for foundation



Pontotoc Pursuit cyclists flying through the starting line eager to start the race at a great pace.

ADA, Okla. - A total of 77 cyclists from across Oklahoma participated in the Pontotoc Pursuit ride October 18 to raise funds for the Chickasaw Foundation.

Proceeds from this annual charitable event support the mission of the Chickasaw Foundation. Cyclists chose from four different routes, including eight-mile, 30-mile, 45-mile and 64-mile.

The event started with an inspirational speech from Chickasaw citizen Sierra Welch. Ms. Welch conquered a 4,700-mile journey known as the Sierra Welch Texas 4000.



From Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska, it is the longest charitable annual bike ride in the world. Ms. Welch completed the 4,700-mile ride for much more than recreation. She was raising money to fight breast cancer. With the race to begin in just days, Ms. Welch was notified that her boyfriend's grandmother had died following a lengthy battle with breast cancer. Ms. Welch considered ending the ride, attending the funeral and providing support for her boyfriend, Drew Herbolt. Instead, she was encouraged by the Herbolt family to continue the race.

Participants of the Pontotoc Pursuit were inspired by the ex-

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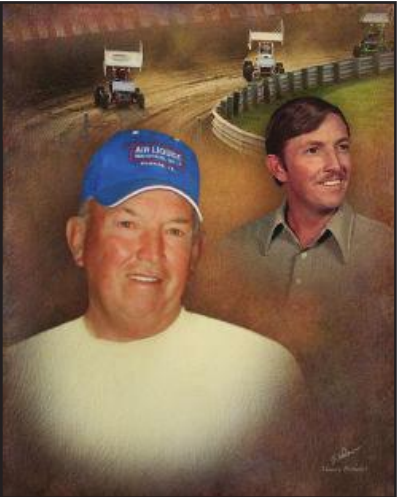
Girl Scouts cheered as the cyclists flew through the starting line eager to begin the race at a good pace.

After the all routes were completed, cyclist enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, barbecue sandwiches and pizza. Prizes were also given to the top placers. The grand prize winner of a Specialized Crosstrail bicycle, donated by Apex Bicycles of Ada, was awarded to Wayne King, of Ada.

The Chickasaw Foundation, founded in 1971, provides scholarships to Chickasaw students across a range of disciplines.

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Jerry Paul Elrod



Jerry Paul Elrod, 74, of Borger, Texas, died Sunday October 26 in Borger. Cremation is under the Direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Elrod was born December 6, 1938 at Kemp, Oklahoma to Paul and Christine Elrod.

He was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

He married Sharron Browning July 6, 1959 in Stinnett, Texas. He was a Borger resident for 68 years and worked for Phillips Petroleum Copolymer Plant in shipping and receiving before retiring. He loved fishing, golf, and all forms of motorsport racing.

He is survived by his wife Sharron, of Borger; two sons Todd and wife, Karen Elrod, of Fritch, Texas, Tony and wife, Dona Elrod, of Borger; a daughter Terrie Arnett and husband, Kevin, of Spring, Texas; a brother, Terry Elrod, of Borger; sisters, Danna Rowe, of Ardmore, Okla., and Bobbie Adams, of Borger; six grandchildren, Marca Elrod, of Borger, Jarred and wife, Amanda Elrod, of Phoenix, Shelby Wright and husband, Travis, of Borger, Kaylea Arnett, of Blacksburg, Virginia, Alyssa Arnett, of Spring, and Houston Elrod, of Austin; and seven great-grandchildren, Brayden, Evan, Colin, Cody, Natalie and Brynlee, all of Borger and Laney, of Austin.

Colbert Franklin Hackler



Colbert Franklin Hackler, 96, died November 2, 2014 at Norman, Oklahoma. Memorial services were November 13 at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Norman.

Mr. Hackler was born January 13, 1918 at Mannsville, Oklahoma to Eva Lou (Colbert) Hackler and Charles Hackler.

He graduated from Ringling High School, Ringling, Oklahoma, in 1935 and received his B.F.A. from Oklahoma City University and his master's of music education and Ph.D. of music education from the University of Oklahoma.

He was the director of vocal and instrumental music of Elk City (OK) Public Schools from 1943-1960. During these 17 years, his band achieved 14 consecutive years of superiors at the state contests. This was a state record for Class B school bands at that time. Elk City celebrated "Colbert Hackler Day" on December 19, 1951, to honor Mr. Hackler for his "service and Christian influence to thousands of Elk City youth." He was given a new 1952 Chevrolet car.

He was similarly honored in December 1954 and given a new 1955 Plymouth.

Mr. Hackler also directed the choir at Elk City United Methodist church with his wife, Mary Jean, as his favorite accompanist on

the organ. He enjoyed directing Sweet Adelines and Barbershop quartet groups. While in Elk City, he also was active in the Kiwanis Club and taught a Sunday school class.

From 1960-1972, Mr. Hackler was the director of vocal and instrumental music at the University of Oklahoma (OU) Laboratory School, Norman, Oklahoma. After the Laboratory School closed, he moved to OU's main campus teaching music appreciation and advising music education majors.

From 1983 to 1990, he was the conductor of the annual Festival Strings. When he retired from the university in 1982, he began teaching violin students the Suzuki method of playing in his home. His students ranged from 3 ½ years old to a retired Air Force general. In addition to a yearly spring recital, he took his adult groups "on the road," providing musical entertainment in assisted living and veteran centers and nursing homes in the area several times a year for many years.

Mr. Hackler put a lot of time and energy in planning and preparing for these "gigs," as he called them. His younger students performed for several years at the Norman Assistance League annual May Fair. He retired from teaching at the age of 93 but still played the violin with his students at his 96th birthday party.

He received many honors during his lifetime, including being inducted into the Halls of Fame of the Oklahoma Bandmasters, Oklahoma Music Educators and Elk City Alumni Associations. He is past president of the American School Band Directors Association, American String Teachers Association and Oklahoma Music Educators Association. In 1976, he was one of three faculty members presented the AMOCO Foundation Good Teaching Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

Mr. Hackler also received the Rotary Four Way Test Citizenship Award in 1998 and the Oklahoma City University Distinguished Alumni Award in 1989.

In 2010, he was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

He volunteered for Meals on Wheels for 10 years and greeted churchgoers at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church for 15 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his beloved wife, Mary Jean (Johnson).

He is survived by his daughters Sally Rice and husband, Steve, Mary Anne Tullius and husband, Jake, all of Norman; a brother, Harold Hackler and wife, Elizabeth, of Duncan, Okla.; grandchildren, Adrienne Barnes and husband, David, of Broken Arrow, Okla., Jay Bratton and wife, Amanda, of Kathmandu, Nepal, Trevor Tullius, of Washington, D.C., Matt Tullius and Sam Tullius, both of Norman; and six great grandchildren, Jack and Sam Barnes, Anna, Justice, Liyla and Asher Bratton.

Mr. Hackler appreciated his many friends and students who visited and sent him cards, letters and brought him food in his later years and his Adult Bible class at McFarlin Methodist Church for their continued cares and concerns. The family wishes to thank all the caregivers, doctors and nurses that helped with his care - all the helpers at The Gardens and all those with Angelic Family Hospice.

Memorials may be made to the Colbert Hackler Music Scholarship, The University of Oklahoma Foundation, 100 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019; or the McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church Music Program, 419 S. University, Norman, Oklahoma 73069.

"My purpose in teaching is to just help people learn to entertain. That way, they can make music for themselves and share it with others. I don't expect my students to be professional musicians, I want them to learn so they can enjoy life more"

-Colbert Hackler

Elizabeth Lorene "Tootie" Prentice



Elizabeth Lorene "Tootie" Prentice, 80, of Allen, Oklahoma died October 20, at her home. Services were October 23, 2014 at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Allen, with Revs. Lonnie Palmer and Buddy Drake officiating. Burial followed in Allen Cemetery.

Mrs. Prentice was born August 10, 1934 at Gerty, Oklahoma to Joshua and Dora Curtis Colbert. She lived all her life in the Allen area and attended Gerty School.

She married Gene Lee Prentice August 10, 1952. He preceded her in death on May 25, 2009. Mrs. Prentice was a homemaker and a member of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Bradley Prentice and wife, Debbie, of Allen; a daughter, Kathy Prentice, of Allen; four grandchildren, Jennifer Parks and husband, Randy, of Ada, Okla., Amber Ford and husband, Derek, of Allen, Derek Prentice and wife, Heather, of Allen, and Brooke Baber, and husband, Caleb of Allen; nine great-grandchildren, Preston Brown and Kaylee Ford, both of Allen, Rowdy Parks and Macy Parks both of Ada, Addison Prentice, Lainey Ford, Kingston Jett Prentice, Lauren Baber and Claire Baber, all of Allen; a brother, Carl Colbert, of Holdenville, Okla.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 56 years, Gene Prentice; and three brothers, Jack Colbert, Dolphus Colbert and Lee Colbert.

Bearers were Derek Prentice, Paul Prentice, Derek Ford, Caleb Baber, Randy Parks and Preston Brown. Honorary bearers will be Bill Griffin, Benny Prentice, Eddie Prentice, Bruce Griffin and Mark Prentice.

Jerry Allen Riggs



Jerry Allen Riggs, 61, of Sacramento, California died October 23, 2014 at a Sacramento hospital. Services were October 31, at the Lark Cemetery, Enos, Oklahoma.

Mr. Riggs was born April 19, 1953 in Bakersfield, California to Wendell Wayne Riggs and Sarah Bearden Lea. He was raised in Newport, Oregon where he graduated high school and later moved to California. While in school he did competition diving and he was very good in baseball where he played shortstop. He also played the trumpet and guitar and enjoyed reading his bible and worship.

He is survived by his children, Shawn Lee Gates Riggs, of Yucca Valley, Calif., April Dawn McConnaugh, of Darrington, Wash.; seven grandchildren; his mother, Sarah Joe Bearden Lea, of Kingstons, Okla.; a brother, Darrel Wayne Riggs, of Newport; a sister, Deborah Camillucci, of Loomis, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews

Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneralhome.com.

Juanita Lee Peirce



Juanita Lee Peirce, 96 of Mountain Home, Idaho, died peacefully July 30, 2014, at St. Luke's Elmore Hospital. Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Mrs. Peirce was born June 11, 1918, at Stratford, Oklahoma to William and Voisa Strickland.

She married Andrew Peirce June 10, 1936 at Lawton, Oklahoma on. They had four children, Bobby, Glenda, Joyce and Brenda.

The Peirce family moved to Oregon in 1953 from Oklahoma. They lived in Lakeview, Oregon and Burns, Oregon until Mr. Peirce died in 1986. She then moved to Mountain Home until August 2013. She then moved to Poplar Grove Assisted Living in Glenns Ferry, until her passing.

She loved to be a homemaker, quilting, and word search puzzles were her favorite hobbies.

Juanita Lee (Strickland) Peirce was a Chickasaw citizen.

Her great-grandpa Charles Strickland became the first elected Sheriff of the Chickasaw Nation.

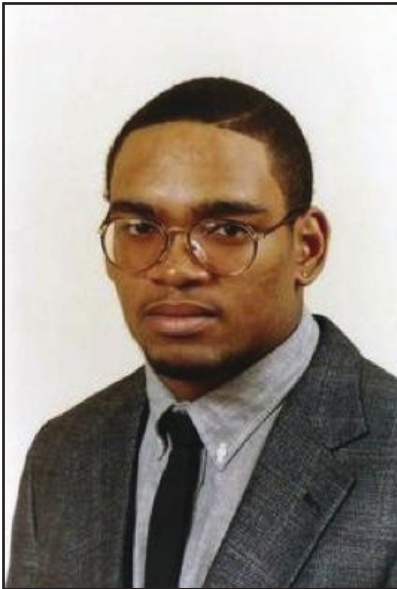
She is survived by a son Bobby (Carolyn) Peirce, of Glenns Ferry, three daughters Glenda Beebe of Central Point, Oregon, Joyce (Roy) Hurley, of Mountain Home, Brenda Nutter, of Chilli-cothe, Texas; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and many, many friends.

There was a private celebration of her life at the home of Roy and Joyce Hurley.

She will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank the staff of Poplar Grove for the wonderful, special care they gave our mother.

Quincy Dion Raymond



Quincy Dion Raymond, 42, died unexpectedly Oct. 17, 2014 at Irving, Texas. Funeral services were October 25, at Griffin-Hillcrest Funeral Home. Interment followed in Clearview Cemetery, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Mr. Raymond was born February 16, 1972, at Ardmore. He was the eldest son of Garry and Alexis (Brown) Raymond.

A talented athlete, he excelled in every sport he attempted, including boxing and football. He graduated from Ardmore High School in 1990 and continued his studies at Northeastern State University, where he played Division II football. He was a big sports fan, particularly boxing, football and basketball. Known for his sense of humor, playful demeanor, and his goofy, trademark laugh, everyone enjoyed being in his presence.

He married Gerrilynn Fisher Raymond March 22, 1998 in Oklahoma City.

He is the proud father of Qadry

Raymond, 21, of Ardmore, Skylar Raymond, 20, Alexis "Lexi" Raymond, 16, Maliq Raymond, 15, all of Wilson, Okla., and Jayden Raymond, 6, of Bentonville, Ark. They will grievously miss him as they grow and progress through the milestones of life.

Mr. Raymond was a skilled car salesman for many years and took pride in his work. In the early 1990s, he declared al shahada – the Islamic declaration of faith – which provided spiritual guidance throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Itasca Washington; his maternal grandparents, George and Alice Brown; and his infant daughter, Faith.

Left behind to mourn his untimely passing, he is survived by his caring wife, Gerilynn Raymond, of Wilson; his loving parents, Garry and Alexis Raymond, of Ardmore; his five beautiful children, Qadry, Skylar, Lexi, Maliq and Jayden; his supportive siblings, Tori Roberts, of Dallas, LeQui Raymond of Norman, Rogelio Raymond of Vienna, Va., Kenji Raymond-Brown, of Ardmore, and Marquis Harris of Columbus, Georgia.; two especially close nephews, Ishmael and Isaac Raymond-Brown, both of Ardmore; as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Martha Ann Hawkins



Martha Ann Hawkins, 64, of Ada, Oklahoma, died Nov. 1, 2014, at her home. Services were November 4 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center. Burial followed in Kilcrease Cemetery.

Mrs. Hawkins was born March 30, 1950, to Houston and Martha Punluste Stick Sr. She attended Allen (OK) High School and was a homemaker. She was a member of High Hill Baptist Church.

She and Joseph "J.C." Hawkins were married Aug. 21, 1996, at Ada. He died Feb. 7, 2011, at Ada.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Billy Stick and Houston Stick; and a nephew, Roger "T-Bone" Stick.

She is survived by three daughters, Thalia Walton and husband, Jeff McDonald, Darla Walton and husband, Ron Ahhaitty, and Cynthia Walton and husband, Chris Vann; 10 grandchildren, Kimberly Walton, Nicholas Walton, Brittany Gillespie, Brandon Markcum, Jaron Ahhaitty, Christopher Allen, Jordan Walton, Felicia McDonald, Jefferson McDonald and Courtney Matheron and husband, Jacob Matheron; four great-grandchildren, Mataya Hicks, Israel Matheron, Ariannna Walker and Aliceanne Matheron; and four siblings, Velma Frazier, Semmie Stick, Barbara Carpenter and Virgie Frazier.

Bearers were Daniel Frazier, Gabriel Frazier, Mark Frazier, Ron Ahhaitty, Chris Vann and Jeff McDonald. Honorary bearers are Ervin Walton, Terry Stick, Shane Stick and William Stick.

Orean Preston Daniel Nichols



Orean Preston Daniel Nichols, 80, of Blanchard, Oklahoma died November 11, 2014. Funeral services were November 17, at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. Nichols was born August 19, 1934 at Stratford, Oklahoma to Charley Daniel Nichols and Jewel Elizabeth (Aaron) Nichols.

He attended Central High School in Oklahoma City before leaving school and joining the U. S. Air Force. He served his country proudly for more than 22 years. During this time, he was deployed to many exciting places during his distinguished career. He retired from NORAD at Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado as a code breaker in intelligence gathering. And, although genuinely excited about his time served, he rarely spoke of it, and he protected the oath he swore to uphold.

Mr. Nichols returned home to Oklahoma and began working. He was instrumental in bringing Midwest Outpatient Dialysis Center to Oklahoma City, the first of its kind in this area, and he was extremely proud of this work.

He married Karen Sue Higgins June 24, 1995 at Las Vegas.

They made their home in Wynnewood, Oklahoma for many years, and for the last eight years have called Blanchard home.

He loved animals and raised a variety of unique critters. He loved everything OU, and especially Sooner football. You would find him at his happiest when playing cards in Vegas, and he never missed an opportunity for some high stakes blackjack.

He was proud of his Chickasaw roots and shared many stories about his grandfather, the first full-blood Native American Sheriff of Pontotoc County. Mr. Nichols cherished his family. He was deeply loved and will be dearly missed!

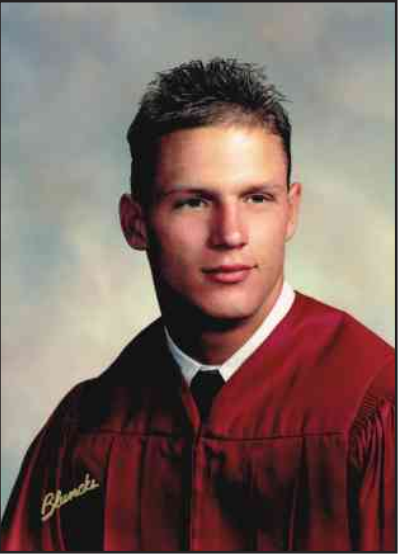
He was preceded in death by his parents, Charley and Jewel Nichols; four brothers, Dean, Dan, Louis and David Nichols; and a step-sister, Doretha Albee.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, of the home; children, Danny Nichols and wife, Peggy, of Yukon, Okla., Debbie Thurber and husband, Jeff, of Tuttle, Okla., Dawna Mainard and husband, Jim, of Oklahoma City and Di-Anna Young and husband, Ed Rowley, of Moore, Okla.; step-children, Angie Goldsby and husband Chris of Goldsby, Okla., Kimber Andrews and husband James, of Washington, Okla., and Julie Wofford and husband, Kenny, of Purcell, Okla.; a brother, Jimmy Nichols of Mesquite, Tex-

as; a step-sister, Mildred Meyers, of Georgia; seven grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Send online condolences at wilsonlittle.com

Robert Jason Holland



Robert Jason Holland, 45, of Arlington, Texas, died October 12, 2014 in Arlington. Funeral service were October 21 at Moore Funeral Home South Chapel, Arlington.

Mr. Holland was born August 25, 1969 in Oklahoma City, to Robert Bruce Holland and Sharon Lee Holland.

He was a graduate of Tuttle (OK) High School and played on both the high school football and golf teams. His passion was golf and after attending Northeastern Oklahoma College, Miami, Okla., he became a certified teaching golf professional at Oak Tree in Edmond, Oklahoma, and twice participated in the Oklahoma Open golf tournament.

His favorite team was the Oklahoma Sooners and he loved OU football. He was always known for having a big heart and his love for family and friends was always evident.

He was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and descendant of George F. and Viola M. Byrd.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sharon Lee Hardway.

He is survived by his father Robert Bruce Holland and wife Betsy; brother, Kevin Holland; sister, Gina Ryan; step-brother, Clifton Amos; and step-sisters, Angel Eddingfield, Holly Thomas, Jennie Durham, and Kim Leeper.

Tonna Marie (Wagner) Day



Tonna Marie (Wagner) Day died October 6, 2014.

Mrs. Day was born November 4, 1948, at Delano, Calif.

She was very proud to be a Chickasaw citizen. She worked three years tracking down her ancestors. She was so happy when she finally got her CDIB card and her citizenship cards. But she didn't stop there. She made sure the rest of her family had the information to get theirs also.

She loved going to gatherings and the Cultural Center.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Howard Tacdol; and sister, Shirley Lowe.

She is survived by her husband, Royce Day and daughter, Amy Day, of Gladewater, Texas; and one son, John Day, daughter-in-law, Mari Beth Day; and two grandchildren, Katy and Marshl Day, of New Braunfels, Texas.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

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